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Mayor 'will pack up' if flats bid wins approval

A MAYOR has threatened to step down from Welshpool Town Council if plans to build 19 flats are given the go-ahead.

Plans have been drawn up for a block of flats to be built on the site of the former Welshpool Social Club.

The plans went before Welshpool Town Council planning committee on Wednesday last week, with around 40 residents attending to vent their anger at the plans.

Town councillors said despite welcoming the re-development of the social club, which closed last year after 40 years, the plans were an over development of the site.

Mayor Steve Kaye was firmly against the current plans and said if permission is eventually granted by Powys County Council, he will step down from the council.

He said: "It is obvious it does not fit in with the character of the town, you've got red brick houses and it would be next to concrete and tin. It is too modern for the area.

"If Powys County Council allow this to happen I will walk away from the council, I will pack up, because it will show we don't have any say in this town whatsoever."

Mid Wales Properties Ltd has acquired the site on behalf of Mid Wales Housing Association. The plans are to demolish the current building, erecting new apartments. The apartments will include 15 two bedroom and four one bedroom flats, with parking for 11 vehicles and a further four spaces at the entrance from the former railway line. When plans were released last month, Mid Wales Properties said: "The development has been carefully designed by local architects who know the area and local community to ensure it fits in with the local environment and existing neighbouring properties."

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PLEA MADE TO HALT SPEEDERS

Report by Aimee Jones

CALLS have been made for safety improvements in Oswestry to tackle the "astonishing" speeds some people are driving at.

Town and Shropshire Councillor Clare Aspinall has tabled a notice of motion calling for action on speeders.

Saffron Rainey

She said: "The speed at which people drive along Cabin Lane is astonishing. It is a wide road which encourages drivers to go too fast. There are speed calming bumps at the Unicorn Road end of the road and I would like to see the continuation of them along its length."

Councillor Aspinall has also called for a pedestrian crossing on the road close to the Meadows School and also on Unicorn Road as well as improvements on Middleton Road and Lime Grove. Oswestry Town Councillors were due to discuss her request at a meeting last night (Wednesday).

The move comes as it emerged this week that a proposal to introduce a blanket 20mph speed limit in Oswestry town centre could take a step forward.

Saffron Rainey, a member of the town's townscape and transport forum, is attending a Shropshire-wide conference on September 30 which will look into the benefits of reducing the speed on all residential roads. The former town councillor has been campaigning for a blanket speed reduction since he put forward a successful motion of notice in 2013.

Mr Rainey said: "I'm all for it but I think that Oswestry needs to engineer the environment to make it a 20mph limit. A speed limit and the engineering of the road needs to go hand in hand which is what the townscape group looks at. I would like to see some money spent on that."

Unique letters project reveals true burning love

Dr Tim Mear, a friend of the late Gilbert Bradley, Chloe Law and Peter Rosco and Geoff Hardy from Shrewsbury LGBT history group post their love letters into the specially made postbox on Oswestry's Bailey Head. Photo: Jamie Ricketts.

HUNDREDS of love letters inspired by the relationship between two Second World War soldiers have been posted into a flaming letterbox.

The UK military's first openly transgender officer, Caroline Paige, was the first person to post a letter in memory of Gilbert Bradley and Gordon Bowsher.

It is part of a project inspired by the love letters exchanged between the two soldiers during the war when Gilbert was based in Park Hall, Oswestry. The project, Gilbert and Gordon: Then All The World Could See How In Love We Are, began when Mark Hignett from the Oswestry Town Museum bid on a stack of war letters and discovered the forbidden relationship.

Letters to be burnt in the specially made postbox were sent from all over the world and there was a chance to write one at the weekend during the Heritage Open Days festival in Oswestry.

The fire on the Bailey Head was extinguished on Sunday evening.

The ashes from the letters will be transformed into a commemorative diamond ring.

The love letters project was one of many initiatives held in and around Oswestry for the Heritage Open Days festival at the weekend.

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COURTS

Mother jailed for throwing her baby out of a window

A MOTHER who gave birth to a baby girl before putting her into a plastic bag and throwing her out of a bathroom window has been jailed for 10 years.

The girl survived the ordeal, but was left with serious injuries, including bleeding on the brain. Her mother had only just given birth and had managed to keep the fact she was pregnant secret.

The woman from Oswestry, who admitted a charge of attempted murder at a previous hearing, was sentenced at Stafford Crown Court.

Her baby was found outside a house in Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, on April 22 last year where she had been living.

The court was told the woman didn't want the baby because she reminded her of the father who she was no longer in a relationship with after discovering he had a different name and a family.

Defence solicitor Paul Smith said the break up in her relationship with the baby's father had a big effect on his client. He told the court she was "naive and socially immature" but was deeply remorseful.

Judge Mr Justice Chambers QC said the woman had "many hallmarks and characteristics" of someone half her age.

NHS

Hospital is hoping for a health 'Oscar'

DELIGHTED staff at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital are celebrating after being shortlisted for prizes in an award scheme known as the "healthcare Oscars".

The hospital has been named as a finalist in the Provider Trust of the Year category of the prestigious Health Service Journal Awards and its chief executive Mark Brandreth has been shortlisted in the Chief Executive of the Year category.

The winners will be unveiled at a ceremony in London on November 22.

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Drug dealer jailed for four years after gun tip-off

Report by Sue Austin

A DRUG dealer central to an operation thought to be worth £100,000 has been jailed for four years.

Police were first alerted to his activity after being given a tip-off that a man had a gun at an address in Oswestry.

Adam Powney, 30, formerly of Queen Elizabeth Drive, Oswestry, was jailed when he appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Tuesday.

In total, officers seized about £8,000 of drugs along with equipment believed to be used in the dealing. Powney, who also goes by the alias 'Ricky', admitted four charges of the possession of drugs – two of possessing crack cocaine and two of heroin.

Judge Jim Tindal was told that Powney, whose current address was Curlender Close, Birkenhead, had never been in trouble with drugs before the incident and had got in over his head.

Laura Nash, prosecuting, said Powney had been discovered after police were given a tip-off that a man had a gun at an address in Queen Elizabeth Drive in September last year. Armed police were sent to the property and Powney ran off.

Drugs, a baseball bat, a large quantity of cash and phones were then found in a BMW outside the address, the court heard.

In November while on bail pending inquiries officers spotted him dealing drugs on the street in Welsh Walls and then down a nearby alley.

Police followed him to a flat and inside discovered a drugs den, Miss Nash said.

In all drugs worth between £1,500 and £2,500 were found in the car, and drugs worth around £4,000 were found in the flat along with scales and mobile phones.

The court heard that when phone messages were analysed they included voicemails from his 'boss' claiming the operation was worth £100,000.

In mitigation, Andrew McInnes for Powney said his client had been diagnosed with autism. "He became embroiled in something out of his depth and has been exploited by others," Mr McInnes said.

School's delight as royal baton arrives

Welshpool swimmer Dan Jones and local schoolchildren with the baton as it makes its way through Mid Wales

THE Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton relay has been welcomed through Powys.

As part of day three of the tour of Wales, it was carried through a number of towns beginning in Brecon and onto a carnival parade in Rhayader before coming to Welshpool.

It left Rhayader and headed to Llanidloes High and Primary Schools and on to Newtown's Ysgol Dafydd Llwyd.

Headteacher Sian Davies said: "The arrival of the Queen's Baton Relay at the school is the culmination of months of anticipation

British marathon runner Andy Davies, who competed at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, was at the school and was one of the baton bearers who took the baton on to its next destination in Welshpool, where over 400 children took part in a world marathon challenge at the high school.

County Councillor Graham Breeze said it was fantastic to see the baton brought through Welshpool. He added: "It was a superb event and occasion for the town. It was brilliantly organised and a big thing to come to Welshpool.

"We don't get things like this coming to Welshpool or Powys very often, so it was a privilege to see it come and see how well it was celebrated."

Throughout the day the baton bearers included fundraisers, schoolchildren, young sports men and women and top athletes from the county.

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Venue is planning a host of attractions

PLANS have been submitted to build a host of attractions at a popular Oswestry visitor venue.

The British Ironwork Centre at Aston wants to extend its site just off the A5 to include an outdoor theatre, a crazy golf course, mini railway and more.

Owner Clive Knowles is currently seeking retrospective planning permission from Shropshire Council for the popular venue.

A letter from the agents, Berrys, said Mr Knowles is now asking for permission for a number of additional attractions.

The proposals by the firm include new buildings to house a cycle museum, a youth support enterprise centre, mini station, engine shed, greenhouses, a farm shop, a cafe and a nature observatory.

The centre, which already has a sculpture park, recently hosted the Oswestry Balloon Festival to raise money for Nightingale House Hospice.

The festival, run in partnership with global adventurer Per Lindstrand and his team at Lindstrand Technologies, was a huge success and brought in hundreds of visitors to the area. The centre also organised the inaugural Oswestry Half Marathon earlier this year and is home to art sculptures the Knife Angel and the Spoon Gorilla.

Scouts to hold an open evening

WELSHPOOL Scout Group is holding an open evening at the COWSHACC on Friday next week.

Running from 5pm to 8pm, the event will be an opportunity to view the building and see how people can help shape the building and the organisation.

The group will welcome any feedback and ideas.

Man given jail term for slashing car tyres

Report by David Banner

A MAN caught slashing car tyres with a knife chased the car owner when he was challenged, a court heard.

Patrick Andrew Garner, 49, was restrained – but then lunged at a member of the public who intervened.

Garner, of Leighton View, Welshpool, admitted criminal damage and possessing a blade in public – which put him in breach of a suspended prison sentence. The defendant, who appeared at Mold Crown Court via a television link from prison, was jailed for 16 months for the offences.

He received an additional 30 weeks consecutive for being in breach of the suspended sentence. A restraining order was made not to contact the car owner.

Judge Niclas Parry said that 11 days after he received a suspended sentence for driving while disqualified – his 83rd offence during decades of offending – he was brandishing a knife with an eight-inch blade in public. He was seeking revenge on a person with whom he had been in dispute.

The defendant had been seen crouched down by the vehicle and had caused £200 worth of damage to the tyres. When approached he "brandished that dangerous weapon" and threatened to use it.

At the time, he was heavily intoxicated, "out of control of your senses" and the judge said that the potential for catastrophic consequences was obvious.

Mercifully there had been no injuries and three decent members of the public had come to help and restrain him. But the defendant had lunged at the stomach of one of them, the judge said.

Prosecuting barrister Brett Williamson said the victim was at home on August 12 when he became aware of the defendant damaging his car tyres. The Astra car was parked a couple of metres from his window and when challenged the defendant threatened to "do" him. With the knife, he followed the owner twice around the car.

Jonathan Austin, defending, said that the offence was committed when his client was significantly inebriated.

Fundraiser is something to crow about

Organiser Angela Bright takes a look at one of the scarecrows made for the fundraiser

THIS was the unfamiliar scene people encountered when they went through a village at the weekend.

Usually in Chirk Bank, near Oswestry, visitors see rows of houses, gardens and fields.

However, it was different at the weekend when scarecrows lined the gardens as part of a competition to raise money.

A fundraising weekend was held in the village on Saturday and Sunday to raise funds for the bone tumour cancer centre appeal at the nearby Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital. Between 2pm and 6pm on both days the Chirk Bank community room also hosted an art exhibition with many paintings and works of art for sale. There was also a photography exhibition in the Chirk Bank chapel. Several artists donated paintings for a raffle. There was a cake stall while afternoon teas were served at the home of organiser, Angela Bright.

Mrs Bright, whose son, Byron, died from bone cancer 23 years ago at the age of just 20, said there was a lot of research taking place into the disease.

"Last year we raised almost £1,000," she said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Helping hand given to charity

A CHARITY which helps young families in crisis has itself been given a helping hand.

Oswestry Town Council has given a grant of £1,500 to the Home Start charity which helps families with children under the age of five.

Last year the charity supported 12 families and 32 children living in or around the Oswestry area – among the 88 families and 189 children helped in Shropshire.

In supporting the town council grant, Councillor Duncan Kerr said that he was disappointed that Shropshire Council did not see fit to make a grant to the charity.

Festive lighting contract agreed

FESTIVE lights will again brighten up Oswestry this year.

The town council has agreed to extend its contract with Blachere Illumination for the supply of Christmas lights for the next three years.

Arren Roberts, assistant town clerk, said that there could also be a refreshing of the lighting scheme for 2018.

The contractors will be in town for the official lights switch-on which takes place on November 16.

Woman admits benefit offence

A WOMAN who was in receipt of employment support allowance has admitted failing to notify authorities of an increase in her household income.

Sharon Jones, aged 47, of Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant, admitted the charge at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday last week. Jones was given a 12-month community order, which included carrying out 40 hours of unpaid work. She must pay an £85 victim surcharge and £85 costs.

Delight at RNLI total

THE sum of £995 was raised for the RNLI on September 2 as a result of a street collection in Oswestry. Volunteers and the public have been thanked for their support.

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Mike Robinson

Tributes paid to well known journalist

TRIBUTES have been paid to an Oswestry journalist and sporting stalwart.

Mike Robinson has died at the age of 65 following a short battle with illness. He was known to many as a journalist on newspapers in Shropshire and North Wales. But Mr Robinson was also a leading member of Oswestry Cricket Club for around 40 years, became chairman, and was instrumental in building the club up to the position it is in today.

Clubhouse manager Huw Roberts said: "He was Oswestry Cricket Club. It is terribly sad news and he leaves huge shoes to fill, he will never be replaced."

Mr Robinson was a founder committee member of the Wem Sunday Football League and ran The Sun football team in Oswestry.

Friend Graham Burgess described him as "one of a kind" and a legend of Oswestry Cricket Club. He said: "He was someone who everyone wanted to be in the company of, he was a great character.

"He was such a varied and interesting man, everyone wanted to chat to him."

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Parents warned by head over social media comments

Report by Sue Austin

PARENTS have been urged not to post malicious comments about a school or its staff on social media.

And the headteacher of Ysgol y Waun in Chirk near Oswestry has warned that he will take "appropriate legal action" should more negative or derogatory comments be posted online.

Parents at the school have been sent letters from headteacher John Roberts saying there have been negative comments about the school or staff posted on Facebook and other social networking sites.

Mr Roberts has asked parents to refrain from posting malicious or derogatory comments and has warned that if it continues he will liaise with Wrexham Council's solicitors so that appropriate legal action can be taken. In it Mr Roberts says that a very small number of parents or carers from school have been posting negative comments about the school and/or staff.

"It is a source of great concern to all staff and the governing body because the school truly has an open door policy," he says.

"Writing a letter of this nature is most disappointing but it has been necessary for me to do so to safeguard pupils, responsible parents, the staff and the school.

"When any derogatory or malicious comments about the school are posted on websites by parents this will be reported to me. I will liaise with the county council's solicitors so that appropriate legal action can be taken." The letter has been posted on Facebook leading to comments from parents and others, some saying people should be able to voice their opinion while others have pointed out that comments can be libellous.

Talks go on over care home move

A COUNCIL is still in discussions with Bupa over the ownership of care homes.

Last month it was announced that the company HC-One had completed the takeover of 122 care homes from Bupa at a cost of £30 million.

Following the announcement, Powys County Council, which has 12 care homes in the county that are run by Bupa, said it was considering legal action.

The care provider has had a contract to run the council-owned homes for 16 years, including Llys Hafren in Welshpool, and Plas Cae Crwn in Newtown.

Powys County Council has confirmed that discussions are ongoing with the care home provider, and a decision of what will happen next is yet to be made. Bosses said their priority was to ensure residents continue to receive high quality care and support.

Success for witness plea

The couple who the police say may have witnessed the altercation

A PUBLIC appeal to find witnesses to an abusive altercation in Poundland in Oswestry has proved successful, police have said.

The public order offence happened at the store in Cross Street and officers wanted to trace a couple believed to have seen it.

They say the incident happened at about 4.45pm on August 1, when an abusive verbal altercation took place between a member of staff and a customer.

Police last week said the couple seen in CCTV images had been in the store at the time and officers would like to speak to them as they may have vital information which would help with their inquiries. Police have now given an update and said the appeal had worked with the couple coming forward. And they thanked members of the public who shared the appeal information.

A spokesman said: "We are pleased to report that following our CCTV appeal on September 6, the couple pictured in the image have since come forward.

"We would like to issue a thank you to everyone who shared our appeal."

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It's business as usual says new principal at college

Report by Aimee Jones

"WE'RE open for business and don't need to close," is the message from a college's new principal.

Ian Clinton OBE has said the future of North Shropshire College in Oswestry is secure despite a merger with Reaseheath College falling through last month.

"Everyone who had put so much work into the merger was disappointed because it all fell through at the last minute but things didn't seem to be quite right," he said. "We don't need to merge with another college, it's not necessary for our future, but we will explore the options.

"I think ultimately it fell through for a number of reasons. It costs money and the funding that was originally offered by the government was not enough to make it worthwhile.

"There needs to be some benefits for both colleges because there's so much work involved with a merger."

The experienced principal, who has led many colleges to success over the last two decades, is settling into life on the Shropshire border.

"Oswestry is a great town with a good atmosphere," he said. "My plan is to work closely with local businesses because I think we have a responsibility to ensure these small businesses thrive and help them, whether that be through apprentices or something else. I also want to see what new courses we can put on and really focus on our strengths. I will be disappointed if we don't have another 10 per cent of students passing their exams next year."

Mr Clinton also welcomed plans to build 600 homes on the edge of Oswestry. Last year J Ross Developments submitted a planning application to build the development on 24 hectares of land near the college. He said: "Building is of course a good thing for the college. Hopefully a lot of new families will move in and eventually the children would come along to the college."

In 2015, Mr Clinton was awarded with an OBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours for transforming Blackburn College.

He said: "When I was at Blackburn within three years I got it to 'outstanding'. I get a buzz out of changing people's lives for the better. I see North Shropshire College as a college that has improved but still requires some improvement – and we will do that."

Ian Clinton OBE says the future of North Shropshire College is secure

Members of gang to pay back £1

MEMBERS of a gang of burglars who targeted Asian families for the gold they had in their homes made thousands of pounds – but some will not have to pay anything back.

A financial hearing under The Proceeds of Crime Act at Mold Crown Court revealed that some of the burglars had no assets.

Agreed nominal £1 confiscation orders – not to be collected – were made simply to keep the issue alive so should they come into money in the future then the prosecution could go after them. But confiscation orders were made against others.

In September of last year gang members were jailed for more than 42 years after the court heard how they had caused great concern to the Asian community and they had also targeted the elderly and the vulnerable. The whole conspiracy involved 37 burglaries in Chester, The Wirral and the Welsh borders around Oswestry and the Midlands. Property to the value of more than £100,000 had been stolen.

Proceedings against Mark Bowen, 46, of Western Avenue, Whittington, Oswestry, who received 27 months after admitting handling stolen goods and money laundering, were adjourned until December by the judge, Mr Recorder Wyn Lloyd Jones.

Woman robbed by knifeman

A WOMAN walking a dog was threatened with a knife during a robbery in Oswestry.

The woman, in her 50s, was approached by a man in an alleyway between Ardmillan Lane and Shelf Bank in Oswestry on Thursday last week. The robber threatened her with a weapon believed to be a knife and demanded money. He made off in the direction of Ardmillan Lane after taking her mobile phone.

The woman was left uninjured but shaken. West Mercia Police spokeswoman Laura Maltby said: "The man is described as white, in his mid 20s, of medium build, around 5ft 8in tall with short brown hair and a thin face and pointed nose. He spoke with a local accent and was believed to be wearing dark blue jeans and a dark grey or black top that was zipped up at the front with the hood over his head.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

I'm dedicating this week's column to the memory of my old friend and colleague Mike Robinson, who sadly passed away last week after a very short battle with cancer – tragically just a day after the loss of his wife Lesley to the same illness. Journalism and sport had linked our lives for over 45 years since we began our careers with Oswestry based North Wales Newspapers at Caxton Press and then with Midland News Association, owners of the Oswestry Chronicle, and despite drifting in and out of each other's lives I regarded him as a true friend.

The world of journalism is a sadder and much weaker place without Mike. His encyclopaedic knowledge of everything sporty and unrivalled and meticulous attention to detail earned him a legendary reputation amongst colleagues. Despite not enjoying very good eyesight he could spot a typo at 100 paces.

Mike was a wonderfully amusing man. He always had a story to tell that would reduce the room to raucous laughter. His very arrival would light up a room and he was the sort of person you just wanted to be around.

Last year we appeared together on a Radio 5 Live broadcast from The Venue at Oswestry to debate cross-border football rivalry ahead of the Wales v England European Championship match. Typically Mike stole the show, predicting victory for the English and delighting the production team with his hilarious story telling. I might as well have stayed at home.

His passion for sport was immense and his love for Oswestry Cricket Club is without doubt the reason the club sits at the top of the Birmingham Cricket League's second division.

As the club's chairman and driving force he was determined to offer cricket at the highest possible level to the people of Oswestry. What a legacy he leaves on Morda Road.

Was there ever a man who knew so much about horse racing? Mike could tell you who won the 2.45 at Newton Abbot this time last year and who the jockey was. What a man to have in any quiz team.

Football also played a big part in his life. He revelled in editing Shrewsbury Town's match-day programme and had been a founder committee member of the Wem Sunday Football League and administrator of the highly successful Sun team.

The worlds of newspapers and sport have lost a true professional and a unique enthusiast and are poorer places today.

The work saw the building of 25 bridges

Minister Kenneth Carlisle with Eric and Dorothy Dixon at the official opening

The work was a huge construction project

Road that revolutionised transport in our county

Happy 25th birthday to the A5 link. MARK ANDREWS takes a look at how the road came to be built

IT was the biggest engineering project Shropshire had seen since the days of Thomas Telford.

Thirty years in the planning, at a cost £65 million, and involving the construction of 25 new bridges, the link road between Shrewsbury and the motorway network was a huge project which has transformed the way we travel around the county.

It is 25 years since the 19-mile stretch, which connects the county town to the M54 at Wellington was opened by roads minister Kenneth Carlisle, and today we take it for granted that it is possible to travel between Telford and Shrewsbury in just 20 minutes.

The road ended decades of congestion at the many bottlenecks between the motorway and Shrewsbury, and included two separate bypasses where the road split into the A5 west and the A49 heading north.

It has also played a major role in boosting the area's economy, but it was road safety, not commerce, which was the prime motive in constructing the road link.

Back in the 1990s, the A5 was the most dangerous road in the county, and Mr Carlisle predicted the new road would save 40 lives a year, and prevent up to 1,500 accidents. He also said it would make Shrewsbury a cleaner and more pleasant place to live. The need for a major new route between what would become Telford and the county town of Shrewsbury had been identified in the early 1960s. The explosion of car ownership after the Second World War meant that the existing A5 bypass, built in 1933, was just too overloaded to cope. But it would be another 10 years or so before the basic idea of the joint A5 and A49 bypasses emerged.

The construction of the link road was a mammoth task

The preferred route did not materialise until 1979, following a public consultation exercise, which included fierce debate about whether the road could be justified on economic grounds.

But it was another five years, and a major public inquiry, before the road got final ministerial approval in 1984 – only to hit more snags.

Two aggrieved landowners challenged the Secretary of State's approval and took their case to the High Court. They managed to stall the scheme while countless drivers fumed in their stationary cars and lorries. The judges were unimpressed with the landowners' case – "manifestly without merit" one of them remarked – but it was 1990 before the final public inquiry was heard.

However, with all the legal hurdles out the way, it was full-steam ahead and the actual construction was remarkably swift. Two contractors were appointed, Surrey and Birmingham-based Edmund Nuttall would carry out the work from Emstrey to beyond Montford Bridge, with the rest – including the main dual carriageway linking the M54 to Preston, just outside Shrewsbury going to Alfred McAlpine.

Neither part of the job has been without snags. The schedule was always tight, tied especially to construction of the four bridges over the River Severn.

New age travellers also posed problems, with security staff having to be posted at access points to prevent them camping on the sites.

The new road did play a major role in reducing the casualty rate, although it suffered its first serious crash within three weeks of opening, and there were two fatalities in the space of a week in its first 18 months.

Even before it opened, it had faced criticism that it didn't go far enough in addressing the problems with the A5. While the main stretch from Wellington to Preston island just outside Shrewsbury was a dual carriageway, coroner David Crawford Clarke was unhappy that parts of the two bypasses around Shrewsbury were single carriageway.

Derek Conway, who was Shrewsbury MP at the time, also had his reservations. "This road has been necessary for Shrewsbury, but I don't think that it is a safe stretch of road," he said, after the second fatality. "I have seen so many near misses, the whole stretch to Oswestry can be lethal with people overtaking." North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson has been campaigning for more than 20 years for the dual carriageway to be extended beyond Shrewsbury to Oswestry and the North Wales border.

Back in 1997, he secured a parliamentary debate to discuss the matter. He highlighted the problems of long-distance drivers from the south of England making effortless progress on modern roads until they reached Shrewsbury.

Mr Paterson last year persuaded roads minister John Hayes to visit Oswestry to see the problems with the single-carriageway stretch of the A5. But while Mr Paterson is confident progress is being made, no funding is imminent.

WORKING FOR YOU

I write this column sitting out on my balcony overlooking the Bay of Gibraltar. The Spanish port of Algeciras is to my right. The Mountains of North Morocco are to my left. The Straits of Gibraltar are in front of me – 100,000 seagoing vessels of various sorts pass through this way every year, a high proportion taking on fuel and stores, or undergoing various sorts of repair and maintenance.

Algeciras and Gibraltar are hugely important to Spain and Britain respectively – for very different reasons. Algeciras is one of the world's busiest commercial ports and of great importance to the Spanish economy. Gibraltar is crucial to the defence of Britain, and through this defence capability, crucially important to maintaining peace in the world.

I am in Gibraltar for three days as a guest of the Gibraltarian Government, who want us to understand the importance of the Port of Gibraltar to the world.

The timing of our visit coincides with the celebration of National Day, held annually on September 10. This year is special because it's the 25th such National Day. It's a glorious celebration of the spirit of Gibraltar. It's also a statement of an enduring love for Britain. Spain has long claimed the 'ownership' of Gibraltar, but in 1967, the then Chief Minister arranged a referendum to establish what Gibraltarians wanted. Over 12,000 voted to remain British, while just 44 wanted to join Spain. And that is how it's going to stay.

A key part of the Gibraltarian economy is based on financial services and online betting. So unsurprisingly, Gibraltarians were concerned about the possible impact of the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union and 96 per cent voted Remain. I did not expect to hear the speech of the inspirational Chief Minister, Fabian Picardo which was stunningly positive about Brexit. He said, bluntly, that they had "got it wrong". In the last year, GDP increased by an astonishing nine per cent. Average salaries rose to £90,000. Unemployment fell to just 74 people. Truly remarkable figures. The key to Gibraltar's economic future is its close links with Britain – 90 per cent of exports are to Britain, and our two Governments are working together positively on Brexit. All the opposite of what was feared. No wonder National Day celebrations have been more joyous than ever this last week.

Glyn Davies
Montgomeryshire MP

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HOW DO I ENFORCE A CHILD ARRANGEMENTS ORDER?

Q: I have a court order which sets out very clearly when I can see my children who live with their mother, my ex-wife. The problem is that my ex picks and chooses which part of the order she complies with and I just don't know what to do. Can she be punished?

A. If a Child Arrangements Order has been made and is not being complied with, there is provision to enable the order to be enforced. The court must however first be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that a person has failed, without reasonable excuse, to comply with the Child Arrangements Order. The court has to take into account the welfare of the child concerned and be satisfied that the making of any order is necessary to ensure compliance and that the enforcement order is proportionate to the breach.

Where it is found that a person has failed to comply with a Child Arrangements Order the court can consider whether to make an order that requires the person who has breached the order to undertake between 40 – 200 hours of unpaid work. The court may suspend the Enforcement Order on the basis that if the order is breached a second time the Enforcement Order will kick in and the breacher will have to undertake the unpaid work.

If the person in breach of the order has failed to comply with a Contact Order without a reasonable excuse, and this causes financial loss for the person seeking to enforce the order, the court may make an order for the person who has not complied with the order to pay compensation to the person seeking to enforce the order. You should consult with a good family lawyer to discuss your options.

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Increased contribution is only answer

THE government's plans to solve the problem of funding pensions given that people are living longer should be rather interesting.

When I was in my teens the average life expectancy of a British working man was 66 years and nine months.

It made a joke of earning related payments to increase your final pension when it took until you were 71 to get back the extra you had paid in so the government made a profit. Now the boot is on the other foot and we have people who can retire in their 50s living into their 80s and 90s. Not much profit being made out of them and even people going at normal retirement age are living so much longer.

In my view the only way to get more funding is to increase the contributions. The idea that people be made to work until they are 68-years-old will, I am afraid, fail miserably. Currently if you wish to make claims that your health is failing and you want to make the best of anything that is going you need to start the process before you are 64 years of age. We already have a significant number of people across the country who appear to qualify for so much in the way of benefits when, in my opinion, I think they would get very little with careful scrutiny.

ADRIAN WILLIAMS
Bratton

Hard to see everyone's point of view sometimes!

There's just no pleasing some people. Oswestry Rural District Council put up these trees to screen the homes in its Fairfield Close group dwelling scheme at Gobowen and give them privacy. And what happened? The pensioners complained that they couldn't see the children's playing field any more. The date is November 1972.

A good family life is so very important to every child

SOME readers will be aware of a report that said that we now have over 580,000 needy/vulnerable children and young people in this country – nearly 20 per cent of the 11 million children in the UK.

Having worked in one of our economic and socially deprived areas for many years, I saw at first hand many of these children.

Some were known to the authorities, but many were not on any official register. Quite a few were in second and third generations of severe need. It was also very evident that because of their situation, many of these children would fail to get acceptable grades at school; would struggle to get a job and would perpetuate the need through producing yet another generation of vulnerable children. Whilst hearing this report, I could not help realising that the percentage of needy children that come from stable homes where both birth parents are still living under the same roof is vastly smaller and that there has been an obvious correlation between rising divorce rates and these appalling figures.

I am convinced that the harm that is done to the children at the time of a divorce and the effect on the children in subsequent years is a contributory factor to this blot on our society.

Another is the staggering increase in one-parent families and whilst some are doing a sterling job in raising their offspring, tens of thousands are struggling and the instability has a knock-on effect on the children.

ROY WHITTALL
Oswestry

Let's remember what PM Thatcher was really like

OUR first woman PM, Margaret Thatcher, ruled over an island built on coal and surrounded by oil and fish.

We benefited from none of them!

Surely the place for her statue is South Yorkshire.

It was there she used a heavy-handed police force to dismantle the coal mining industry.

She imported coal, at great cost, from Australia.

Her policies here destroyed the reputation of the British police forever.

This is the woman whose Government collected billions in North Sea oil revenue – we saw none of it!

This is the woman whose party presented our North Sea fishing grounds when we began the ruination of Britain by joining the European Union.

Was any other new member country so generous?

She was a female Corbyn.

Sly and dangerous.

BOB WYDELL
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Government should be taking the lead

INSTEAD of building HS2 – the next disaster in waiting – Hinkley Point nuclear power station, and bribing the DUP for votes, the government should be pulling down the tower blocks, and replacing them with low rise conventional homes, made of non-inflammable materials.

Then they should replace free all the Hotpoint fridges and fridge-freezers, constructed of flammable plastic and foam, like the one that caused the Grenfell Tower disaster.

MR W F KERSWELL
Picklescott

What will they all say when it all goes wrong?

I NOTE that Paul Kahn is leaving Airbus as part of a group-wide restructure.

Airbus has made valid and polite points about Brexit that, as far as I know, have not been answered.

So what will happen if Airbus restructures into the relatively new Alabama plant, which I am informed has a wing production capability similar to Broughton? I can tell you. Lots of politicians coming up with remarks like "total surprise", "no prior indication", "did all we could". Blah, blah, blah. Oh, yes a visit to the area to "show concern". What exactly is going on now to fix this? Nothing, because no-one knows what Brexit is doing. Don't worry folks we have got May, Boris, Gove and Leadsom to sort it like they have financial services, which make no secret of jumping ship with billions of pounds of business. Hang on, there's always Jezzer Corbyn.

The man who wanted submarines with no missiles to provide workers with jobs.

ROBIN LLOYD
Ellesmere

I don't want sexism at top

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer, Phillip Hammond, has been reported as saying 'nowadays, train driving is so simple, even women could do it'.

Speaking as a train driver I can confirm that women do indeed drive trains.

It goes without saying that they perform the job equally as well as men.

And they are paid exactly the same rate to boot.

What worries me far more than the thought of a woman driving any train I was a passenger on is the fact that someone occupying the highest echelons of government will, with one comment, look down on those who are responsible for the safety of millions every day.

Far worse than that, many would come to the conclusion that Hammond's alleged statement betrays a sexist, misogynistic attitude to every woman in this country.

Do we really want someone like that sitting in cabinet?

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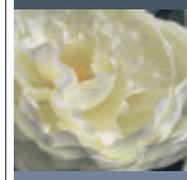

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NEWS IN BRIEF

School to host open evening

THE Marches School in Oswestry is holding an open evening next week.

The school will be opening its doors to prospective students and their families from across Shropshire and surrounding areas on Thursday next week from 4.30pm to 7.30pm.

The associate headteacher, Alison Pearson, curriculum staff and current students will be on hand to answer questions.

The headteacher's address will set the scene at the Ofsted- rated 'Good' school and ensure parents and carers gain an overview of the exceptional opportunities the school offers.

Advice and guidance will be available to parents and their children throughout the evening.

Parents can register their attendance in advance by visiting The Marches School website.

For parents and carers that are unable to attend the open evening, the school is arranging individual visits and tours.

To make an appointment people can contact the school on 01691 664400.

Two are hurt in crash on A5 road

TWO women were taken to hospital after a crash at a junction on a busy trunk road.

The crash happened on the A5 south of Oswestry near to the junction with the B5009 at Queens Head just after 11am on Thursday last week and involved two cars.

A women in her 60s suffered an ankle injury and chest pains while a women in her 70s also suffered an ankle injury in the incident.

Both were taken by ambulance to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

The A5 was partially blocked while emergency services dealt with the road crash.

Projects recognise town's amazing history

Caroline Paige supported the love letters project

The excavation team at Oswestry castle get to work

Oswestry Mayor Vince Hunt posts his special letter

Heritage celebrated

Report by Aimee Jones

AN innovative love letter project has helped Oswestry celebrate its unique heritage.

Hundreds of love letters inspired by the relationship between two Second World War soldiers were posted into a flaming letterbox at the weekend on Oswestry's Bailey Head.

The UK military's first openly transgender officer, Caroline Paige, was the first person to post a letter in memory of Gilbert Bradley and Gordon Bowsher.

It is part of a project inspired by the love letters exchanged between the two soldiers during the war when Gilbert was based in Park Hall, Oswestry.

Caroline said: "These letters are treasures in more ways than one. There is something really, really romantic about a love which is forbidden. But they also show that if two people are in love with each other, the circumstances shouldn't matter." The former Flight Lieutenant joined the Royal Air Force in 1980 but was told to hide the fact that she identified as a woman because the military persecuted homosexual and transgender people.

"If someone found out I would have been arrested and probably sent to military prison," she said. "So I hid it until 1999 when the law changed and then I transitioned."

Letters to be burnt were sent from all over the world and there was a chance to write one during the Heritage Open Days festival in Oswestry at the weekend. The ashes will be transformed into a commemorative diamond ring. The project was one of many Heritage Open Day events which also included the excavation of Oswestry Castle. Andy Roberts, who is in charge of site operations at the castle, said: "We've uncovered something very large but it is not quite clear what it is yet.

"We think it might be a door, but it is obviously a late addition to the keep.

"We know the keep is a square building which is at least three storeys high so we've got a long way to dig down yet but we've made really good progress so far."

The castle excavation project runs until September 22.

The castle excavation is part of the heritage project

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Action zone plans take a further step forward

OSWESTRY could be given a facelift after getting through to the next stage of a bid to be named a Heritage Action Zone.

The town has been successful in its first round submission to Historic England to be named an action zone, a national project to "breath new life into old places".

The proposal has moved to the second stage and members of Oswestry Town Council and Shropshire Council have now been invited to meet with the national body.

There are hopes that if the bid is successful it could lead to grants to improve town centre buildings.

Oswestry Town Council has been campaigning for several years for the owners of empty shops, particularly in Cross Street, to improve the buildings and market them. Earlier this year the council invited members of the unitary authority to see the problems for themselves which led to the Heritage Action Zone bid.

In a report to the town council's meeting on Wednesday this week, Town Clerk David Preston said the proposal aimed to make the Oswestry Conservation Area the principle focus of the zone.

He said: "It would look at ways in which the economic vitality of the historic town centre could be promoted, encouraging more people to shop and visit.

"This could not only build on the strategic work currently underway for Oswestry public realm but could also feature an area-based grant scheme to provide support to owners and proprietors to improve their buildings."

The Heritage Action Zones were launched by Historic England last year.

Concerns raised over social club development

Report by Jonny Drury

PLANS to turn a former social club into 19 flats is too big of a project for the land it is on, according to a county councillor.

The once thriving Welshpool Social Club, which opened in the 1960s and ran for almost 50 years off Brook Street, has been acquired by Mid Wales Properties Ltd on behalf of Mid Wales Housing Association.

It is proposing to demolish the building and turn it into 19 homes, including 15 two-bedroom apartments and four one-bedroom apartments.

However, the plans have been met with considerable concern from residents living near the site.

County Councillor Graham Breeze has been contacted by a host of residents and he believes the project is too big for the site.

He said: "We know there is a need for this type of housing but it is simply too big for the site.

"There is an adjacent bungalow which I have visited and their window will be blocked by a 40 foot high wall that is part of the application. Residents are very concerned about this and a host of other issues to do with the application."

Steve Bowen, of Mid Wales Properties Ltd, said: "The plans will bring much needed rented accommodation into the town, utilising what is a redundant brownfield site close to the town centre. The development has been carefully designed by local architects who know the area and local community to ensure it fits in with the local environment and existing neighbouring properties."

Couple's terror in hurricane hotel

Julian and Russ Raymond-Sandy from Oswestry were hit by the hurricane

A COUPLE honeymooning directly in the path of Hurricane Irma say they asked to be evacuated four days before it wreaked havoc.

Julian and Russ Raymond-Sandy, from Oswestry, spent 36 hours on lock-down in their hotel in Cuba.

They said holiday company Thomas Cook should have acted to get their customers off the island and say the lack of information was "disgraceful".

The couple, who own the Last Inn at Hengoed near Oswestry, were married at the end of July and flew to Cuba to stay at the Playa Costa Verde, north of Holguin.

Julian, 37, said: "We asked to be evacuated four days ago but were told to stay put as they said they couldn't evacuate 2,000 people. The Thomas Cook rep said no information was good information and not to panic.

"The winds were so strong, the building was shaking and the sheer noise was horrific."

Thomas Cook said guests are in hotels built to withstand hurricanes. A spokesman said: "The safety of our customers is always our first priority."

He added the company had sent additional special assistance teams to help tourists.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wartime barn is wedding venue

OWNERS of a glamping business have transformed a barn once used during the First World War into a wedding venue.

Barnutopia's latest venture is hosting wedding ceremonies in the long barn, which was once used by the forces when it formed part of the Park Hall army barracks, near Oswestry.

The barn was relocated to the glamping farm site in Llansilin during the 1970s. Company owner Katrina Boydon said the structure had fallen into disrepair and needed restoring.

"It's a wonderful barn but it had been left to go to rack and ruin," she said.

"So we painted it, rewired it, laid some flooring, added some fairy lights and generally refurbished it so it was ready for weddings."

Officers set to wear body-cams

FRONTLINE police officers will be equipped with body-cams.

West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, John Campion, recently signed off on the technology deal which will see officers and staff in Shropshire wearing cameras. Officers in Telford were given the cameras earlier this year and the technology is now being rolled out across Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Whitchurch, Ellesmere, Bishops Castle, Church Stretton, Ludlow, Cleobury Mortimer and throughout Shropshire's rural communities.

"This technology plays a big part in my vision for a reformed, reassured and safer West Mercia, and I am pleased to see it being rolled out ahead of schedule," Mr Campion said. "It is already clear that the increased transparency which the video provides is re-assuring the public and our officers, giving our communities greater confidence in the police service."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Figures show age of rape victims

OVER 200 victims of rape offences in the last five years in the region were under the age of 10.

Statistics from Dyfed-Powys Police show that there were a total of 979 rape cases in the force area from 2012 to 2017. Of those cases, 201 involved a victim under the age of 10 with two victims just one-year-old.

The highest number of victims were 14 years-old across the region, with 55 victims.

Figures also showed one victim to be 84-years-old and one 72.

Of the the four counties covered by the force, Carmarthenshire had the largest number of offences, 346, with Powys second with 240.

Street pastor talks about work

A GROUP received a talk from a street pastor for its latest meeting.

Welshpool and District U3A met on Tuesday last week when Shrewsbury street paster Steve Jones was the speaker.

Steve gave members an introduction explaining what the street pastors do and why and how the Shrewsbury group was formed.

He illustrated the work of the group with numerous anecdotes covering people from as young as 14 to over 80.

The next meeting is on October 3 when Bruce Lawson will be speaking about Charles Rolls.

The U3A meets at COWSHACC on the first Tuesday of each month and anyone who is no longer in work is welcome to come along and find out what becoming a member enables you to do.

Road plans 'will bring more chaos' says mayor

Report by Jonny Drury

CHANGES to a controversial one-way system will only cause more traffic chaos in Welshpool, according to the mayor.

A plan drawn up by the Welsh Government for proposed changes to the system was discussed by councillors on Wednesday last week.

Councillors and residents have been pressing for changes ever since the system was introduced in 2011.

Last week County Councillor Graham Breeze said the plans were flawed and dangerous.

They included a herringbone parking system similar to one on Newtown's Broad Street.

Calls for a light-controlled crossing near the Town Hall and for Brook Street and Union Street to return to a two-way system have been ignored in the proposals.

Mayor Steve Kaye said: "It looks as if the plans have been drawn up by some computer whizz kid in Cardiff who has never even been to Welshpool.

"The plans are not at all good, and to be honest if these changes were made to the one way system it would create more traffic chaos than we have got now."

Councillor Kaye added: "These current plans would just cause massive queues. It is not fit for purpose."

A meeting has now been sought and the councillors want government officials to come to Welshpool and draw up fresh plans.

Church leader elected after vote

John Davies has been elected as the new Archbishop of Wales

AFTER two days of voting and deliberating at a church in Powys a new Archbishop of Wales has been elected.

John Davies, who has served as the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon for the past nine years, was chosen to succeed Dr Barry Morgan as the 13th Archbishop.

He was up against five other bishops for the role, including two women, Bishop of Llandaff June Osborne, and the Bishop of St Davids Joanna Penberthy. It could have been the first time a women bishop was appointed to the role.

However Archbishop John was elected by a group of people made up of clerics and lay people, who were locked in Holy Trinity Church in Llandrindod Wells on Tuesday and Wednesday last week.

He secured a two-thirds majority vote from members of the Electoral College on the second day of its meeting.

The election was immediately confirmed by the five other diocesan bishops and announced at the door of the church by the Provincial Secretary of the Church in Wales, Simon Lloyd.

Farmers are asked for opinions on broadband

FARMERS are being asked to take part in a nationwide survey about broadband and mobile phone coverage.

The NFU Cymru President Stephen James said: "NFU Cymru and NFU are calling on the government to make the digital economy universal, so that every farming business can access superfast broadband, at speeds they can afford, with coverage across all of their farms.

"We do not believe that the UK government is doing enough for farmers and rural communities to get connected. Our members need a plan in place to accelerate the delivery of rural services and lay the foundations for 5G services.

"The government's proposed broadband Universal Service Obligation of 10Mbps, and BT's equivalent offer for 1.4 million rural premises, is far lower in speed than urban broadband users receive now.

"The UK as a whole is lagging behind other countries, reportedly being 31st in the world for average broadband speed and 54th for 4G coverage. Our surveys have shown that only 15 per cent farmers have mobile coverage across the farm in 2016, so it is well past time for the government to take action to bring rural areas up to scratch."

The 2017 NFU member survey will run for five weeks with staff from NFU Business Services carrying out a telephone survey.

There will also be an online survey on the NFU and NFU Cymru website available.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

No problems from car parking rise

NO problems have been reported from increased parking charges at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Parking charges have gone up from £2 to £2.50 at the hospital, the first time the prices have risen since they were introduced a decade ago.

Despite the charges rising by a quarter, a spokesperson for the hospital said: "We can confirm there have been no issues with the change to the car parking charge."

Explaining the increase, Phil Davies, head of estates and facilities at the hospital, said they have faced increasing costs from managing car parking spaces.

He said: "We have faced increasing costs from managing our car parking spaces effectively and have plans to introduce further spaces in convenient locations that will further improve the overall patient experience."

Injuries advice board installed

A CHARITY has marked World Spinal Cord Injuries Day with a new campaign at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Back Up, which supports people with spinal spinal cord injuries by providing wheelchair training, mentoring and rehabilitation, has installed a new information board at the hospital. Law firm JMW Solicitors has teamed up with Back Up to fund the board.

Paul Breen, JMW partner, said: "The new board means that those with a spinal injury will now have access to helpful information about who to turn for practical support at a difficult time."

Patchwork quilt made by war veterans passed on to hospital

A COLOURFUL patchwork quilt made by wounded soldiers during the First World War has been donated to a hospital.

Margaret Harrison has given the blanket, which is over 100-years-old, to Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

It was made in the original Dame Agnes Hunt Hospital in Baschurch.

The quilt has been passed down through the family of a woman who worked there.

Mrs Harrison handed over the quilt on behalf of her cousin, Ann Chorley, who has looked after it since her grandmother, Lucy Rogers, passed away.

She said: "My grandmother used to look after the wounded soldiers by giving them their meals and making them cups of tea.

"Once the soldiers had completed the blanket, they gave it to my grandmother.

"They wanted to say thank you for everything she did for them.

"My mother, Eva, was a teenager then and along with her two sisters, they used to volunteer at the hospital.

"She always spoke lovingly of her days at the hospital helping the poor, very sick soldiers."

The hospital's League of Friends group is currently deciding how to display and preserve the quilt.

Victoria Sugden, charity director of the League of Friends, said: "The blanket is a lovely piece of social history relating to the hospital and very fitting with the work that's currently happening around the veteran's clinic.

"We hope to be able to display it, perhaps in the new building.

"We can't thank Margaret and her family enough for donating it to us.

"There are some little touches that have been included on the blanket, such as a bear charm and the cross in the middle."

She added: "We are currently getting in touch with several people who have more expertise, so we can find out if any of this has a particular meaning.

"However, if anyone does have any knowledge, please do get in touch and let us know."

Anyone with information about the quilt can contact Victoria at victoria.sugden@rjah.nhs.uk or call (01691) 404401.

Victoria Sugden, charity director for the League of Friends, and Margaret Harrison with the donated quilt

Apprentice benefits to be put into the spotlight

AN event to showcase the positives of starting a career in the NHS through the apprenticeship route will be taking place at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Taking place on October 14 from 9.30am to 3.30pm, the main entrance of the hospital will be transformed into an ambassadors market with staff members representing different departments.

There are over 350 clinical and non-clinical roles in the NHS and a number of these professions will be at the ambassadors market, where visitors will be able to talk to the different representatives about their job role and career at the hospital and within the NHS.

Upstairs, the conference rooms will host hour-long performances at 10am, 12pm and 2pm which are being delivered by an acting company. These talks will be tailored to young people and focus on apprenticeship opportunities. Places for these specific shows will be limited so people should book in advance to avoid any disappointment. Allen Edwards, training advisor at the hospital, said "Apprenticeships are an excellent opportunity for an individual to earn, gain work experience and achieve qualifications at the same time.

"The trust really benefits from all apprentices, it allows the organisation to grow new talent and develop a more motivated workforce."

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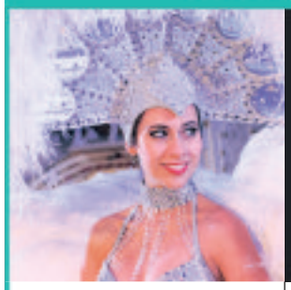

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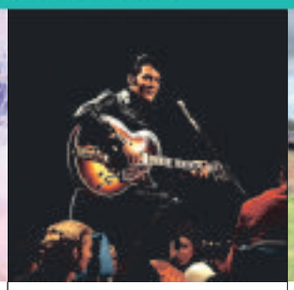

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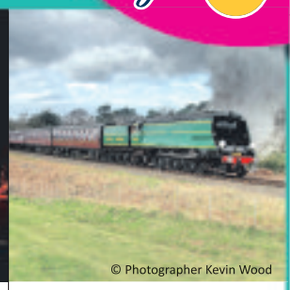
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Nominations for award now closed

Report by Jonny Drury

NOMINATIONS have now closed in an award scheme which allows patients to put forward a member of staff who they believe has went the extra mile in their work at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Patients will now have to wait until November to find out if their nominated staff member was successful in the award scheme.

The Patient Choice Award will be presented at the hospital's annual awards ceremony at the Lion Quays Hotel.

The accolade is one of 17 categories in the hospital's celebration of achievement awards, which recognises individuals and teams.

However, the patient choice award is the hospital's way of giving patients – past and present – the chance to have their say and nominate the staff member or team who has provided them with the highest standard of care.

Chief executive Mark Brandreth said: "We have some remarkable people and teams here at RJAH and I believe it's important that we take time out on occasions to recognise our achievements, and that we celebrate them.

"We also want our patients to be involved in this process, which is why we are including the Patient Choice Award as part of the evening.

"We will go through all the nominations and compile a shortlist – and give the public the chance to vote on that shortlist to select the winner."

Hospital chief executive Mark Brandreth with last year's winner Kate Betts

Last year's winner was physiotherapy technical instructor, Kate Betts, who works in the hospital's spinal team.

She said: "I work with patients whose lives have dramatically changed. They are in the early stages of rehabilitation when they're learning new skills. I was so lucky to win the Patient Choice Award. It did mean everything to me."

Up to four individuals will be selected to go forward as finalists in a public vote, with the eventual winner receiving their award at the awards evening on Thursday, November 23.

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Police looking into spate of thefts

POLICE are investigating a spate of rural thefts.

Dyfed-Powys Police said a number of items were taken during break-ins.

A livestock trailer was taken from the Churchstoke area on August 24 and police say it is possible a number of cattle passports were also stolen from a farmyard off the A489 near Churchstoke.

In the early hours of August 26, a luminous yellow and orange DiamondBack mountain bike was taken from the Bronybuckley area of Welshpool.

The thefts have sparked the force to urge people to keep alert in relation to rural and farm thefts.

People should keep records of chassis and serial numbers to assist with identification of any stolen items.

It is advised to try and park other vehicles by trailers and horseboxes to block them as a deterrent. It is also important to make notes of any suspicious vehicles and people in the area.

The force has also set up a Farmwatch scheme.

TV gardener to speak at event

TV presenter and gardener Christine Walkden will be passing on her expertise at a forthcoming event.

The TV star will be appearing at an event at The Marches School in Oswestry on October 11, organised by Weston Rhyn and District Gardening Club. The celebrity gardener will be speaking on "Making the Most of Your Garden" at the event.

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm for the event and free parking is available.

Tickets cost £10 and they are available from Rowanthorn in Chapel Court in Oswestry. The event is a new venture for the gardening club from its usual monthly meetings.

Changes see gym now open round the clock

Report by Jonny Drury

PEOPLE who want to work out in the early hours of the morning or go for a run late at night have the chance, as an Oswestry gym is open 24 hours a day.

Active 8 Gym was opened 18 months ago by three businessmen on the Maesbury Road Industrial Estate.

Since then the popular gym has built up a core of members and houses two personal trainers.

Now in a radical new change, the owners have decided to turn the facility into a 24-hour gym, opening seven days a week and 365 days a year.

One of the owners, Wayne Peter, who is a sports therapist, said it is something the owners have wanted to do for a while.

He said: "When we first opened the gym 18 months ago we wanted to do this.

"But we have let it grow and we have up a loyal core of members and now is the right time to do this.

"It will be manned in the day and we will still have our personal trainers Joe and Tyler down there, and the classes we put on will still take place."

Telford and Shrewsbury both have 24-hour gym facilities, however the Active 8 one is the first of its kind in the Oswestry and border area.

Members access through a key fob and extra security has been put in place.

People using the gym when it is unmanned are logged and the security cameras are linked up to the owners' phones.

Wayne said the move isn't about getting more members, but about offering something different to the other gym facilities in the area.

Crews called to tackle factory blaze

Flames could be seen within an area of the Kronospan factory site at Chirk

SIX fire crews were drafted in to tackle a large blaze at a wood chip factory near Oswestry.

The fire broke out at Kronospan in Chirk at 5am on Friday last week.

Firefighters from Chirk, Wrexham, Johnstown, Llangollen, Deeside and Shropshire were in attendance.

North Wales Fire and Rescue Service said the blaze was confined to wood chip within a silo area.

The fire service said the blaze was tackled with support from engineers at Kronospan.

A spokesman for North Wales Fire and Rescue Service said: "Firefighters from North Wales Fire and Rescue Service were in attendance at a fire at Kronospan, Chirk.

"The call was received at 4.57am on Friday.

"Six appliances from Chirk, Wrexham, Johnstown, Llangollen, Deeside and Shropshire were in attendance including two area ladder platforms and an incident command unit.

"The fire was confined to wood chip within a silo area."

A Kronospan spokeswoman thanked the fire service for its rapid response.

She said the fire was in one of the driers and nobody was hurt.

Carpet fitter admits road rage with craft knife

A CARPET fitter was armed with a craft knife when he confronted four young women in a late-night road rage attack on a Shropshire country lane, a court heard.

Kenneth Phillip Howell-Walker had forced the women's car to stop in an isolated area after he had overtaken them in his van on a blind bend.

The 31-year-old's behaviour left the four victims, including one who was pregnant, scared and upset.

Howell-Walker was given a 15-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, at Shrewsbury Crown Court.

Recorder Roger Evans said the defendant had been involved in a "silly and foolish" piece of road rage. "It was compounded by you getting out of your van to scare these ladies and using the knife. It was outrageous behaviour," he said.

Howell-Walker, a self-employed carpet fitter, of Hillpark, Dudleston Heath, near Oswestry must also attend a rehabilitation programme and was fined £100 for careless driving. He had admitted the driving offence and being in possession of the craft knife in a public place at an earlier hearing. The court heard the attack happened at about 11pm on September 19 last year on the B5068 Ellesmere to St Martins road near the ETC Saw Mills headquarters.

John R Oates, prosecuting, said: "The defendant jumped out of the vehicle and was displaying a belligerent manner and came to the driver's door and had the craft knife in his hand."

Mark Connor, for Howell-Walker, said his client knew there was no excuse or justification for his behaviour. He said he had the craft knife because it was what he used in his profession.

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Bed push nurses will 'do the same again' despite 'demeaning' claim from health chief

Report by Lucy Todman

A GROUP of men dressed as nurses whose £2,500 donation was rejected by a hospital will do the same next year, one of them has said.

The group supporting Ludlow Hospital raised money by pushing a bed around the town, but were told their outfits were "demeaning".

Jan Ditheridge, chief executive of Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust, has said the behaviour was "insulting". But fundraiser Mark Hiles said they were "just having a bit of fun". The hospital's friends group said it was a "sad day for public support for our health services".

A letter co-written by Ms Ditheridge said: "The presentation of men dressed as female nurses in a highly-sexualised and demeaning way is wrong, very outdated and insulting to the profession."

Ms Ditheridge said: "We have previously asked that this doesn't happen and therefore don't think it's right to accept any money associated with this activity."

Mr Hiles said they had gone as nurses "because it raises more awareness". The story has since been picked up by local, national and international media organisations.

Fundraisers appeared on national news bulletins and their actions were praised by health care professionals, politicians and the general public.

Mr Hiles told Sunday Morning Live on BBC One that the group had "great respect for all the nursing profession", but they were "not harming anybody".

He said: "Are you going to stop the London Marathon, people dressing up... to raise money because it might offend somebody? No.

"It's a free world. We should be able to dress how we want to dress."

Mr Hiles said they had gone as nurses "because it raises more awareness" and they "stand out from the crowd more".

He also said he did not see any validity in concerns that it sexualised the profession for female nurses, who perhaps faced sexual harassment at work.

Mr Hiles said: "We've spoken to many, many nurses... I mean, there's a lot of nurses out there who've actually done this with us in the past and I haven't come across anybody that has had a problem with it."

The league of friends has been contacted by a number of health trusts and hospitals outside Shropshire who have asked for the money to be donated to them.

But the fundraisers are adamant the money, which had been earmarked for an ECG machine, would remain in the county. In the past the bed push has paid for a new dialysis machine and other equipment.

Shropdoc makes a fresh cash plea to maintain care

Report by Amy Downward

A STRUGGLING out-of-hours GP service has asked two health groups for financial support.

Shropdoc has asked Shropshire and Telford Clinical Commissioning Groups, the organisations that commission health services in the region, for short term financial help.

It comes after Shropdoc admitted it was a facing its most serious financial challenges in 21 years. The service provides urgent medical services for patients in the region when their own surgery is closed.

Dr Russell Muirhead, Shropdoc chairman, has written to GPs saying the service is costing far more than the money coming in.

He said a number of posts have been lost and the chief executive had also left by mutual consent. It has not been disclosed how much money Shropdoc has asked for.

Dr Simon Freeman, accountable officer for Shropshire CCG and David Evans, chief officer from Telford and Wrekin CCG, said: "Shropdoc is facing financial challenges and Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin CCGs have been approached by Shropdoc for short term financial support, which the CCGs are discussing with them. As CCGs our priority is to ensure the continuity of care for local patients wherever possible.

"We will advise of any further developments over the coming weeks."

Last month Shropdoc said it was looking to re-negotiate its contract with the Shropshire Community Health Trust, as it faces increasing pressure. In June it announced that six redundancies may have to be made.

Dr Muirhead said: "We are in discussion with our commissioners and a review is planned shortly.

"The commissioners continue to support us in the short term and all clinical services are being maintained to the usual high standard."

Simon Wright, chief executive of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, added: "I hold regular meetings with colleagues from Shropdoc.

"Within these discussions I will be offering both my personal support to Dr Russell Muirhead, chairman of Shropdoc, as well as continuing the discussions about how we can work more closely with them in delivering urgent care."

TV show on ambulance team a 'great advert'

Paramedics Natalie Greaves and Natalie Calow who were followed by the cameras on their life-and-death challenges

A HARD-hitting documentary laying bare the inspirational and life-saving actions of West Midlands Ambulance Service has been described as a 'great advert', by organisation chiefs.

The hour-long feature was screened by the BBC, providing an in-depth "behind the sirens insight" through the eyes of paramedics operating in the Midlands.

It cast the spotlight on all aspects of the service and highlighted that the decisions and actions of those on the frontline of the health service and the support staff in the control room, can literally make the difference between life and death. During the episode paramedics Natalie Greaves and Natalie Calow helped deliver a baby boy in Stourbridge on March 10, making the crucial choice for the birth to take place in the home even though the expectant mother was considered high risk. For Ms Greaves it was particularly poignant after having gone through complications during the birth of her daughter Jessica, now 15, who is severely disabled having been deprived of oxygen during the delivery.

The documentary also aired graphic footage from the following evening of a 75-year-old grandfather who slipped into cardiac arrest.

Murray MacGregor, communications director at WMAS, said: "To finally see a programme like this come to fruition after nine months of hard work, not only from those who feature but every single member of staff and manager who has helped to make this programme possible, is a great feeling.

"We think it's a great advert for the trust and the fantastic staff that work here." Chief executive Anthony Marsh said: "The thing that comes over from these programmes is the incredible professionalism of our staff as they deal with the challenges that they are presented with."

Carers cafe will offer essential help and support

A DEDICATED carers' support cafe has launched at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

The Carers' Cafe will be held every second Tuesday of the month.

The cafe will give carers an opportunity to meet other carers in an informal environment, over a cup of tea or coffee.

Carers who attend the monthly cafe can also find out about resources available to them, and identify ways they can be supported within the community.

Just some of the information carers will have access to at the cafe sessions include discharge procedures, carer support after going home, and carer support and social groups within the community.

Margarete Davies, carer project coordinator at Shropshire Council, will be on hand at the cafe every month to provide carers with the information and support they need to assist them in their day-to-day role as an unpaid carer.

Margarete said: "The idea of the cafe is to offer carers a relaxed place where they can find out what support is available to them but also just as importantly, offer them a place to go where they can meet other people in a similar situation to them. The social aspect is just as important.

"Many people do not recognise themselves as informal carers, and see this simply as part of being a family member, spouse, partner, friend or neighbour.

"We want to send a message out that helping to look after someone who could not manage otherwise, is caring, and by identifying themselves as an informal carer earlier, gives people the opportunity to find out about the support available to them. Many informal carers are not aware of what sort of help is there for them and what a huge difference it may make to their lives."

The cafe will run between 10am and 4pm every second Tuesday of the month.

It will be held at the main entrance to the hospital, opposite The League of Friends cafe.

For further details contact Margarete by telephoning 01743) 255776.

Students told to get meningitis vaccinations

STUDENTS across the West Midlands have been urged to get vaccinated against deadly meningitis and septicaemia.

Cases of meningitis and septicaemia caused by the aggressive meningococcal W strain are still rising, according to health chiefs.

MenACWY vaccine is the best form of protection against these deadly diseases

More than two million eligible young people have received the MenACWY vaccine, but some remain unvaccinated.

Students heading to university have been reminded by Public Health England to get vaccinated.

MenW is one of the most aggressive and life-threatening forms of meningococcal disease and can be fatal. Many survivors are left with life changing disabilities, including brain damage and loss of limbs.

Eligible teenagers who has missed vaccination in previous years remain eligible up to their 25th birthday, whether attending university or not. Students starting university for the first time are particularly at risk if unvaccinated.

Dr Helen Carter, deputy director for healthcare public health at PHE West Midlands, said: "The MenACWY vaccination programme will save lives and prevent lifelong and devastating disability."

We fight on to save A&E, say Labour

TELFORD'S Labour Party has said it will keep fighting for the town's A&E.

Officials said they were very disappointed but sadly not surprised by the decision of the NHS Future Fit programme board to renew its recommendation that an emergency centre should be based at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. The majority of day-case surgery should be carried out at Telford's Princess Royal.

The announcement came more than eight months after the board originally made the same recommendation.

An independent review carried out since then ruled the way the process was carried out was correct. The recommended plans – as well as proposals that would see an emergency services centre at Telford – are now set to go to public consultation.

Councillor Kevin Guy, chairman of the Telford Labour Party, said: "The Telford Labour Party will continue to fight against the proposed closure of the 24-hour A&E service at the Princess Royal Hospital.""

Bosses are aiming to launch the process between the end of September and the middle of October if the go-ahead is given.

The consultation period will last 12 weeks.

Life-savers at steam railway

VISITORS to a steam railway will have the benefit of lifesaving equipment installed along the line.

The Talyllyn Railway in Mid Wales has taken delivery of its first three defibrillators. Working in partnership with Achub Calon Y Dyffryn, the railway has been raising money to purchase them.

Initially, the defibrillators will be installed at Wharf, Pendre and Dolgoch stations, but it is hoped to be able to add other locations.

Training sessions will be held so that as many staff and volunteers as possible will feel confident to use the defibrillators.

Railway bosses have thanked everyone who helped fund the equipment.

Lorraine Simkiss, the railway's customer experience manager, who has been responsible for fundraising for the equipment, said: "We are so grateful to all those who have contributed so generously to allow us to purchase these first three defibrillators, which include members of Talyllyn Railway Preservation Society and the Rotary Club of Tywyn. We actually hope they never have to be used, but if required, we believe they will help to save lives."

Popular visitor attraction proves a summer hit once again

Jesse Steel, three, enjoys amazing fun in the farm's maze

People of all ages enjoy the wide range of activities at Park Hall Countryside Experience

Jayden Talbot-Gooding, nine, on the zip wire at the farm

Fun on the farm for all

Report by Jonny Drury

TRACTOR riding, pig racing and milking are just three of the activities people have been getting involved with at a visitor attraction during the school summer holidays.

With children returning to school, many youngsters used their free time in the summer holidays by getting stuck into fun and games at Park Hall Countryside Experience near Oswestry.

The farm, on the outskirts of the town, has provided fun for a whole host of families throughout the summer break, with the highlight for many being the Amazing Maize Maze which runs through until the end of September.

Children have enjoyed action packed days having fun with giant bricks which can be transported up an elevator, hauled in a bucket or sent down a chute for the building to begin.

A mini zip wire has been available to use and other activities have included pig racing, pony grooming, petting small animals, a Landrover course and hand milking course.

Park Hall Farm has long been a tourist attraction for youngsters and families throughout the holiday.

Activities have been running throughout the day and despite the holidays coming to an end there is still time to enjoy what the farm, on Burma Road, has to offer.

For more information visit www.parkhallfarm.co.uk, call (01691) 671123, or visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/parkhallfarmoswestry/

Riley Smith, four, from Welshpool on the climbing frame at Park Hall Countryside Experience

Linda Talbot and her granddaughter Olivia Talbot enjoying the zip wire

Jayden Talbot-Gooding is in the driving seat at the farm

Emily Shinton, four, bounces along

Millie Furth, four, gives a sheep a milky treat

PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Traditional Welsh stone farmhouse dates back to 1690

A stunning traditional Welsh stone farmhouse, Blaenau Dwr at Froncysyllte dates back in parts to 1690, with records showing it was part of the Chirk Castle Estate from 1695.

It has many original features such as a stone fireplace with oak mantel, a Welsh slate hearth and cast iron wood burning stove, beamed ceilings and wooden flooring. There are 6.5 acres of gardens, paddocks and fields with far reaching views across to Llangollen and the open countryside. In addition to the farmhouse there is a former stone built coach house with planning permission to convert to an annexe or bed and breakfast accommodation. It is for sale through Town & Country at £575,000. Its accommodation briefly comprises a porch, boot room, family room, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, inner hallway, utility/office, landing, three bedrooms and a bathroom. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this property and its idyllic location. In more detail the entrance/boot room has exposed floorboards and a solid timber door. The family room has exposed floorboards, an open ceiling to the eaves and opens out to the kitchen and lounge. An impressive room, the lounge has stripped floorboards, a beamed ceiling, exposed stone wall and a large stone inglenook with a beam over and a log burner. The dining room is full of character with a window to the front, a door to the porch, stripped flooring, a brick arched inglenook with a log fire inset, beamed ceiling, a built-in cupboard and a wooden staircase leading to the first floor.

The porch has slate flooring. The stunning contemporary kitchen/breakfast room has bi-folding doors opening out to the onto the garden.

The inner hallway has a partially converted room off with provision for a wet room. The utility/office has plumbing for appliances and tiled flooring. To the front of the property the gravelled driveway provides off-road parking for several cars. The gardens and grounds include a duck pond, paddock and meadow area plus one acre cider apple orchards and a polytunnel.

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Detached bungalow enjoys a large garden

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It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £370,000. It lies on the outskirts of the popular village, within walking distance of the village centre. Maintained to a high standard throughout, the spacious accommodation comprises of an entrance hall, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a breakfast room, a utility, a cloakroom, an inner hallway, bedroom four (currently used as a study), a further three double bedrooms (two en-suite) and a family bathroom. The property stands on an excellent plot with superb gardens to the front and rear, off road parking for several vehicles, a garage and a chalet/workshop. It has underfloor central heating and double glazing.

Contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367.

Property in picturesque village dates back to 1800s

WHITTINGTON
£285,000 <<<

A semi-detached village cottage located in a popular road, Westbourne House, 11 Top Street, Whittington near Oswestry, is set in a garden plot.

The property is on the market through JJ Dell and Co with a guide price of £285,000. The home is situated in a quiet road within the village.

The property is a traditionally constructed semi-detached house. The home dates back to the 1800s with a 1980s extension and also has the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. Accommodation comprises an entrance hall, utility, shower room, kitchen and bathroom. There are three bedrooms and the property also has a dining room, sitting room and sun room.

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NEW

Glentworth
Morda — **£375,000**

- A substantial Detached 4 Bedroom Family Home
- Within walking distance of the Market Town of Oswestry
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Music Room, Office, Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room, and Dining Room, Master Bedroom with En-suite
- 2nd Bedroom with En-suite, two further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom.
- The property stands on a plot of 1/3 acre with front and rear gardens
- Orchard/vegetable patch, poly-tunnel and patio areas
- Driveway and Double garage with workshop.

Aston Moors
West Felton — **£125,000**

- FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION (unless sold prior or withdrawn) ON THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER AT THE LION QUAYS HOTEL, MORETON, OSWESTRY AT 2.00 PM.
- Set in an idyllic countryside on the outskirt of the village of West Felton
- In need of a total scheme of modernisation throughout
- Accommodation currently comprises: Ent Porch, Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Rm, Inner Hallway, Landing, 2 Bedrooms & Bathrm
- The plot in total extends to approx 0.37 acres.

NEW

Heritage Way
Llanymynech — **£169,950**

- A generous sized 3 bedroom detached family home
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge
- Dining Area, Kitchen, Utility Room
- Master Bedroom with En-suite
- 2 further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden laid to lawn
- Single garage and driveway
- Gas C/H and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating

Abraham Court
Oswestry — **£79,995**

- This beautifully appointed ground floor purpose built apartment
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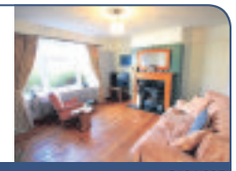
- Camera controlled entry phone system, sealed unit D/G & night storage heating
- resident's lounge & Guest suite with en-suite facilities

NEW

Dyffryn Foel
Llansantffraid — **£152,000**

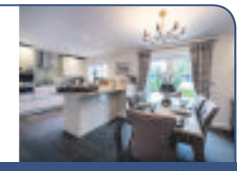
- An immaculately presented 3 bedroom semi-detached house
- Situated in the border village of Llansantffraid.
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- 3 good sized Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- An enclosed rear garden, parking spaces and a single garage.
- Oil central heating and partly uPVC double glazing. EPC rating C (70)

NEW



Beeches Avenue
Gobowen — **£124,995**

- A well proportioned 3 bedroom semi-detached house
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Cloakroom and Work Room
- Family Bathroom, two double bedrooms
- The second bedroom opening into the third double bedroom
- Good sized rear garden mainly laid to lawn with shrub borders
- Driveway to the front of the property.
- Gas fired central heating and double glazing throughout



Church View
Hadnall — **£345,000**

- BRAND NEW 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home with Integral Garage
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- Spacious Living room with bay window and Cloakroom.
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Chirk Bank — **£74,995**

- A residential plot located in the picturesque village of Chirk Bank extending to 0.04 acres or thereabouts with outline planning permission for the erection of one detached dwelling
- The site is located within walking distance of the Shropshire Union Canal and the Chirk Aqueduct

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Oswestry — **£99,995**

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Lot 1 AUCTION

Oak Street — **OSWESTRY**
Guide Price — **Over £85,000**

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Lot 2 AUCTION

Prince Street — **OSWESTRY**
Guide Price — **£70,000**

- 2 Bedroom Mid-Terrace property
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Lot 3 AUCTION

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Guide Price — **£20,000**

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West Place
Gobowen — **£120,000**

- A well presented 3 bedroom semi-detached house
- Situated in the popular village of Gobowen
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility Room
- 3 Bedrooms, Shower Room and separate WC.
- Good size plot with off road parking and enclosed rear garden.
- Partial double glazing and storage heaters
- EPC Rating G

Brookfield
Close — **£79,995**

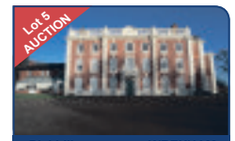
- A beautifully presented 1 Bed Leasehold Apartment
- Maintained to a high standard
- Ent Hall, Inner Hall, Lounge, Kitchen
- Bedroom and Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden with decked area
- One allocated parking space
- Modern electric heaters & uPVC D/G

Lot 4 AUCTION

Halfway House — **SHREWSBURY**
Guide Price — **£100,000**

- Land extending to 6.73 Acres (2.72 ha) or thereabouts.
- Rare development opportunity comprising of a former agricultural building
- Nr village of Halfway House
- Planning permission granted to 2012 however has now lapse
- Contact Ellesmere Office

Lot 5 AUCTION



Pickhill — **WREXHAM**
Guide £100,000–£120,000

- 2nd Floor Leasehold Apartment in the Grade II Listed Pickhill Hall
- Two bedrooms, Master En-Suite, 2 Receptions, Kitchen, Bathroom.
- Terrace across bedrooms, access from Master Bedroom.
- Parking area, Communal Gardens
- Contact ELLESMERE OFFICE

Lot 6 AUCTION

Pickhill — **WREXHAM**
Guide £100,000–£120,000

- Second Floor leasehold apartment in Grade II Listed Pickhill Hall
- Two Bedrooms, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom
- Parking Areas, communal gardens.
- Open rural views.
- Contact ELLESMERE OFFICE

Lot 7 AUCTION

Coedpoeth — **WREXHAM**
Guide — **£80,000–£90,000**

- Traditionally styled semi-detached stone-built cottage
- Enjoying rural outlooks across fields
- Double-glazing and CH
- Two reception rooms. Two Bedrooms
- Single garage
- EPC Rating - Band 'D' (76).
- Contact Wrexham Office

Rowan Close
Gobowen — **£159,995**

- An well appointed 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow
- situated within walking distance of the centre of the popular village of Gobowen
- Porch, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory
- 2 Bedroom and Shower Room
- Well maintained front and rear garden together with off road parking
- Gas central heating and hardwood double glazing.
- EPC Rating D (65)

Ashlands Road
Weston Rhyn — **£114,995**

- A well presented 2 Bedroom Modern House
- Living Room, Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Off road parking for 2 vehicles
- Gas C/H and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating B (82)

Lot 8 AUCTION

Legacy — **WREXHAM**
Guide Price — **Over £120,000**

- Situated within popular semi-rural surroundings
- Occupying a rectangular plot, which extends to approximately 0.09 ac
- Traditionally styled bay fronted house has potential for improvements
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Contact Wrexham Office

Lot 9 AUCTION

Bowling Green — **WREXHAM**
Guide Price — **Over £80,000**

A freehold building plot for the construction of a single detached four-bedroom dwelling within highly sought after rural surroundings. The plot measures approximately 65 feet x 65 feet (approx 0.1 acres) and has outline planning permission by Wrexham Council P/2006/0439.

Lot 10 AUCTION

Woolston — **OSWESTRY**
Guide — **Over £200,000**

A Detached country cottage with an un-completed extension to the side and rear. Picturesque countryside with views over open countryside. Standing in grounds extending to 0.58 acres (0.236 ha). Opportunity to create an excellent 3 Bedroom family home.
• Contact Oswestry Office

Lot 11 AUCTION

Trevalyn — **WREXHAM**
Guide — **Over £20,000**

Agricultural grazing paddock
• Approximately 2.59 acres.
• Rural location.
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Truly stunning detached home in sought after village

KINNERLEY
£295,000

A truly stunning detached family home, 38 Coly Anchor, Kinnerley, lies in a quiet position in a highly sought after village. It is for sale through Town & Country at £295,000 with no chain.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a covered porch, entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility, guest WC, master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom. In more detail the entrance hall has oak flooring, stairs off and an under-stairs cupboard.

The lounge has oak flooring and an Aarrow cast iron burning stove inset with a tiled hearth and brick inset. There is a square bay window to the front and the lounge opens onto the dining area. Being beautifully appointed, the kitchen/dining room has a range of modern gloss fronted base and contrasting wall units with oak worktops over, a one and a half bowl Franke sink, eye level double Indesit electric

oven, ceramic induction hob, a chimney style extractor fan over, integrated Indesit dishwasher, integrated fridge/freezer, porcelain tiled flooring and a spotlighting, contemporary radiator. The dining area has porcelain tiled flooring and French doors to the rear garden, a contemporary radiator, breakfast bar and spotlighting. The utility has porcelain tiled flooring, a further sink, extractor fan, spotlighting, plumbing for a washing machine and a part glazed door to the rear garden. A door leads to the guest WC. Upstairs, all the doors are finished in oak with polished chrome handles. The spacious master bedroom has a recessed area leading to the en suite, a square bay window to the front and an en-suite. Bedroom two overlooks the rear. Bedroom four is L-shaped and again has views over the rear. The family bathroom features a luxury suite.

Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.

Detached home on a substantial plot comes with good gardens

OSWESTRY
£176,500 >>>

A charming detached three-bedroomed property on a substantial plot, 74 Llys Road, Oswestry is well presented throughout and has parking for numerous vehicles.

With generous lawned gardens and a wood burning stove in the lounge, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £176,500. With gas central heating and double glazing, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge with the wood-burning stove, a dining room, a kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

The private gardens include a generous lawned area with hedging and fencing for privacy with a paved patio area and shrubbed borders. The attached single garage has an up and over door, an integral door to the kitchen and an external door to the rear.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 for more details.

Stunning farmhouse with superb views and large grounds

LLANRHAEADR
£450,000 <<<

Clynog, Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant near Oswestry is a stunning Grade II listed farmhouse in an elevated position with outstanding views over the Tanat Valley.

It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £450,000.

The property is situated on the outskirts the picturesque village of Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant close to the confluence of the River's Tanat and Rhaeadr in the stunning Berwyn Mountains and near Pistyll Rhaeadr. The village itself has a good range of local amenities. In brief, the property has a reception hall, music room, sitting room, dining room, kitchen lounge, kitchen, utility room, rear lobby, coal house, gallery landing, a loft storage room, integral garage, gun room, five first floor bedrooms, a family bathroom, five attic rooms, large gardens and an orchard/paddock.

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Llanymynech £128,000

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Plot 32 Meadowdale
Llanymynech £174,950

BRAND NEW HOME TO BE COMPLETED SPRING 2018. A three bedroom detached house with garden, carport and parking to be constructed backing onto the Montgomery Canal on a small development of 35 plots. Located on the edge of the village between the Village Hall and the Canal/Heritage area. EPC Rating:B

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1 Garden Cottages
Llansantffraid £155,000

Semi detached three bedroom house in a central village location. Lounge, kitchen/diner. Oil C/H, D/G. Paved rear yard area. Vehicular access available to the rear with three allocated parking spaces. No onward chain. EPC Rating: 84(B)

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74 Llys Road
Oswestry £176,500

Detached property situated on a substantial private plot offering privacy. Generous lawned gardens, attached garage and long driveway providing parking for numerous vehicles. Gas c/heating, d/glazing. The property is well presented throughout and comprises; Ent hallway, lounge with wood-burning stove, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. EPC Rating = 62(D)

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18 High Fawr Close
Oswestry £295,000

Spacious detached 4 bedroo house. Kitchen/breakfast room including appliances. Gas C/H. D/G. Large attic room over garage. L-shaped lounge/diner. Enclosed rear gardens, large drive and hardstanding to the fore. EPC Rating = 58(D). No onward chain.

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Derwent Ucha, Old Racecourse, Oswestry £365,000

An individual detached house with stunning views overlooking the surrounding countryside. 3 Receptions. 3 Bedrooms. Oil C/H. Offering scope for improvement and modernisation. Single and double garage. Level lawns to both front and rear. EPC Rating: 32(F)

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Tontine Inn, Melverley £480,000

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11 Parc Llwyfen, Llanymynech
£314,950

Detached four bedroom house and garage. Two receptions, study, kitchen and utility. Family bathroom and en-suite shower. Gas-fired central heating, double glazing. Enclosed and well maintained rear garden. Pleasant recent established estate. Close to village amenities and A483. EPC Rating = 62 (D)

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Cartrefle, Llansantffraid
£189,950

Grade II listed mid-terraced 3 bedroom village house. 2 receptions, kitchen/breakfast, cloakroom. Enclosed rear yard and detached garden area. Affording scope for enhancement subject to listed building consent.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Cannabis supply claims are denied

TWO men, including one from Shropshire, have denied a charge of conspiring to produce and supply cannabis.

It follows the discovery of an alleged cannabis factory at an industrial unit at the Bromfield Industrial Estate in Mold.

Defendants Simon King and Lee Alexander appeared in the dock at Mold Crown Court and pleaded not guilty to conspiring to produce and supply cannabis between December 2011 and January of this year.

The two of them – together with Maxine Knott – also deny money laundering, converting £806,586 of cash which is said to be the proceeds of criminal conduct.

King, 46, and Knott, 50, of Rhydloes Mill at Llansilin near Oswestry and Alexander, 34, of Queen's Road in Chester but now said to be living in Stafford, were all bailed by Judge Rhys Rowlands, pending trial in March of next year.

Ramblers on their walks again

THE Welshpool Ramblers' walk on Sunday will be from Llanerfyl, led by Nicola Stone.

It will be a moderate eight-mile circular walk skirting Llyn y Grinwydden and Llyn Hir, returning via Ty'n y Cefn and Diosg.

There is a moderate ascent near the beginning of the walk and a couple stretches along the way that are liable to be muddy.

All are welcome but no dogs on the walk. Meet at 9am at the Welshpool Tourist Information Centre (OS grid ref. SJ 226 076) from where transport may be available. Those wishing to go directly to the starting point should meet at the Village Hall car park in Llanerfyl (OS grid ref. SJ 034 097) ready for a 10am start.

For further information telephone (01691) 658348.

Competitors brave wet weather for lake run

Charlotte Hunter, Lucy Owen, Nia Sarah Evans and Ruby Twig

Members of Oswestry Olympians at the start of the race

The runners give a cheery wave as they await the start

A race in the rain!

HEAVY rain wasn't enough to stop more than 1,500 determined runners take on a half marathon.

Report by Aimee Jones

The 29th race around Lake Vyrnwy may have been a wet one, but it didn't stop seasoned athletes and club runners lining up alongside charity runners and first-timers for the 13.1 mile race.

On the same day Mo Farah claimed a record fourth successive victory in the Great North Run in one hour six seconds Jonny Mellor from Liverpool Harriers crossed the finish line at Lake Vyrnwy in one hour, four minutes and 57 seconds to win the event. Many of the runners took part to raise money for good causes.

Four young friends, who were at Llanfyllin High School together, completed the race for two good causes.

Charlotte Hunter, Lucy Owen and Ruby Twig ran in memory of their friend Danny Hughes, 24, from Llanfyllin, who died in a crash on June 4.

He was travelling on the A483 away from Oswestry at around 2.15pm when his motorcycle was in collision with a black Hyundai Tuscon.

Charlotte said: "We were all friends with Danny and we wanted to do something to pay tribute to him. We hope to use the money we raise to maybe put something up in his memory or stage an event."

Their other friend, Nia Sarah Evans, was running to raise funds for research into Crohns disease for her friend.

First-timer Jonny Drury ran the course in memory of his aunty Karen Pierpoint who passed away in 2015.

"It was the toughest thing I've ever had to do, and the rain and wind didn't make things any easier," he said. "The crowds were fantastic and it was such a good feeling running down the hill and over the line.

"I'm not too sure if I would do it again, but it was a great experience, and to raise over £800 for Cancer Research was very pleasing too."

More than 1,500 runners took part in the event

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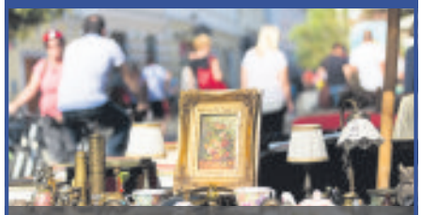

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It's hard work but we were obsessed

Strictly Come Dancing made them household names. But Vincent and Flavia have outlasted the BBC's number one family show by hitting the road for a series of UK tours.

They are back on the road with a new production, Tango Moderno, and will headline Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday until September 23 – with extra matinees on Wednesday and the Saturday.

Tango Moderno is the irresistible new stage spectacular from tango superstars Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace.

Dance partners for over two decades, world champions, Strictly favourites and West End stage stars Vincent and Flavia plan to fuse Ballroom, Latin, and Argentine tango to give fans a performance that smoulders with desire.

Their latest show follows the successes of Midnight Tango, hailed as "a triumph" by the Daily Telegraph, the "utterly unmissable" Dance Til Dawn (Smooth Radio) and the "fabulous must-see" The Last Tango (Radio Times).

Flavia says the dancer's fourth show will give fans something new. "It's always important to try something we've not done before. The fourth time round is difficult because we've done so many different stories.

"But we wanted this show to be more modern, more up to date, so the music will be a little more recognisable, particularly by the younger generation. It's music from the radio, it's set in an urban city and it's got that contemporary vibe. There'll be a story and we'll be part of the narration."

PASSION

Vincent added that dance was his great passion – but staying focused for a long UK tour was always tough.

"Motivation is the hardest part, to be honest. All the people that dance and do this job will agree. When it's live on stage it's great because you connect to the normal people. They are the people – mums, parents and so on – who keep you going.

"And that's great because they keep you sane. You suffer from solitude quite a lot because you're away every week at different hotels. Sometimes you wake up and think 'where am I?' because we travel so much."

Putting together a major new show is tough. It takes weeks and weeks of 10am-to-6pm rehearsals before a technical week ahead of the first show. Flavia says: "You have really long days and there is a bit of adrenalin and nerves. Once the show's up and running it eases off. We tend to do a half-hour warm-up before every show. We have a little time off and people do their own thing, going to the gym, resting or walking. You learn to do that, or you take a massage or see the physio."

Vincent moved to the UK when he was 17 to follow his dream of dancing.

"I wanted to become the best in the world, as everybody else does, so I moved here. It was a coincidence that I met Flavia, who was Italian and moved here at the age of four.

"Every day, we had dance lessons and were training. Our lives were really about that, you know, about competitions and trying to win. We wanted to get into the final and get the world championship. That was our lives."

The couple then got asked to do a couple of performances on Strictly before the show's producer asked them to become a part of it full-time.

Flavia said: "We didn't know how big the show was. Even now, I can't believe we've been through all of that. It was amazing."

Vincent says: "Before we were famous in the ballroom world and we could walk the high street. Now people stop us and want to have a photo. It was a shock to the system. Since then, we've never looked for work, it's come to us. We didn't think 'shall we do theatre?' The producers came to us and here we are."

Favia adds: "It's been a long road and initially during the first part of our careers it was a hell of a lot of sacrifice. You think back and realise how hard you worked and that we didn't have a life. We were obsessed with the weekend being about travelling to an event and a competition and paying a £40 entry fee.

"Then at 10am we'd do round one and come out at 10pm in the evening. That was the weekend gone. Then it was dance lessons, practice rehearsals and training. Now we look back and it's 'wow'. We wouldn't do that again. My niece is dancing these days but I am so not-pro dancing. I know how hard it is and what you have to go through. I'm trying to sway her off. It's really hard work. I know the sacrifice young people have to make in their teens and 20s. It can affect lots of things in later life. But it's worked for us and we've kept going and gone from one thing for another. We were lucky, things could have been very different. We don't regret anything."

The couple have visited Birmingham on plenty of occasions and always feel at home in the Second City. They're looking forward to their return and will be out and about in the city's restaurants and shops.

Favia says: "We love Birmingham and are always happy to come up there. I remember places because of the shopping. I try to go to Lasan every time, if my husband comes up. He loves Birmingham too and studied there."

Vincent adds: "I used to buy, buy, buy. I'd buy one for the stage and one for myself. My wardrobe is exploding. So no more shopping. There might be a beautiful leather jacket, however, so you never know."

Partners through time – Vincent and Flavia love dancing together

You think back and realise how hard you worked and that we didn't have a life

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Chamber choir to team up with orchestra

Shropshire's premier chamber choir will soon be in concert with string orchestra Streicherensemble Celle from Germany.

The Phoenix Singers and Streicherensemble Celle will perform Handel's Dixit Dominus and Mozart's Requiem.

The event will take place on Friday, October 6 at 7.30pm.

The evening will see St Chad's Church in Shrewsbury the venue for the concert by The Phoenix Singers of Shrewsbury, who have had a long relationship with the String Orchestra from Celle in northern Germany.

They last performed together in England in 2012 when they presented Bach's St John Passion.

This year they combine to perform two of the greats of the choral repertoire – Handel's 'Dixit Dominus' and Mozart's 'Requiem'.

Phoenix conductor Richard Walker said: "We are delighted to be welcoming our friends from Germany once more for a week of music-making, culminating in performances of two major works – Mozart's 'Requiem' which needs little introduction, and Handel's 'Dixit Dominus', which is one of the most demanding of his oratorios, while also being one of the most audience-friendly – full of melody and excitement."

The conductor added: "As usual we have an excellent line-up of soloists with Sarah Westwood, Imogen Garner, Tim Kennedy and Richard Moore; the Streicherensemble Celle together with our own wind and brass players will provide a first-class accompaniment."

Tickets for the forthcoming show are now available.

The tickets for Phoenix events can now be purchased online via https://www.trybooking.co.uk/buy-tickets/.

Just search for "Phoenix Shrewsbury" to find the tickets.

Tickets are available priced £12 (under 18s free) from Write Here, 10 High Street, Shrewsbury or by calling (01743) 245950.

Spectacular Eisteddfod now looking for entries

A prestigious annual music festival is calling out for talented singers, dancers and instrumentalists to compete next year.

Entry is now open for next year's Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod which takes place from July 3 to July 8.

Successful entrants will be joined by artists from across the globe and will compete for a range of titles including Dance Champions of the World, International Voice of the Future, International Voice of Musical Theatre and the jewel in the crown of the festival, Choir of the World.

Chairman of the International Eisteddfod, Dr Rhys Davies, said: "The Llangollen Eisteddfod's competitions offer the opportunity for performers from across the globe to compete on an international stage alongside some of the world's most talented musicians and dancers.

"With more than 20 competitions to apply for there really is an opportunity for all types of performers, from all disciplines and of all ages to get involved.

"Every year we aim to extend our offer and both the Outstanding Conductor and International Acapella Group categories are exceptionally exciting additions to the syllabus.

"We're looking forward to see this year's applications."

There are cash prizes of up to £6,000, international medals and also the opportunity for aspiring musical singers to win the chance of a lifetime to perform at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod in Australia.

Its globally acclaimed competitions climax with the prestigious Choir of the World, which determines the best overall choir of the event and has launched many iconic careers.

In 1955 the winning choir, from the town of Modena in Italy, included a young trainee teacher named, Luciano Pavarotti – the legendary tenor who, in 2005, added his name to the competition trophy in recognition of his appreciation of the festival and its influence on his career.

The Eisteddfod always offers great entertainment

The hugely popular Eisteddfod attracts international acts from around the world with many of those taking part adding spectacular colour to the proceedings.

Entries for all choral, ensemble and dance competitions will close on November 24, while solo performers will have until March 2 to apply to take part in the extravaganza.

Applications to follow in the footsteps of non-competitive acts and perform on one of the International Eisteddfod's stages are also open, with the entries also closing on November 24.

For more information on all the competitions or to apply visit http://eisteddfodcompetitions.co.uk/

NOTICE BOARD

* A MALE voice choir will raise the roof while raising funds for charity.

The Maelgwn Male Voice choir, from Llandudno will perform at Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry, on September 30.

The concert will begin at 7.30pm and proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. It has been organised by David Morris who lost his daughter to cancer and this is his second fundraiser for charities connected with the disease.

"I hope people will support this event. To listen to the singing of a genuine Welsh choir is a unique and moving experience," Mr Morris said.

During the concert the choir will welcome to the stage their supporting artist, well known soprano, Mary Lloyd-Davies. The conductor is Mereid Mair and accompanist will be Sian Brach. Tickets are available from Oswestry Visitor Centre, by calling (01691) 662753 or on the door.

* THE Guilsfield Singers are looking for new members.

Margaret Clennett from the group said: "Do you enjoy singing? Ever thought of joining a choir?

"You can come along to watch or listen, or have a go yourself. The choir will be starting to look at the music for our Christmas concerts, so some of it may be familiar to you. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at Guilsfield Old School behind Guilsfield Church from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, with a short break halfway through for tea or coffee. Just turn up on the night, or for more information phone Diana on (01938) 555249 or Val on (01938) 554047."

The choir has a wide repertoire and sings in a variety of venues.

Following its recent set at the Llanwddyn Folk and Acoustic Festival, the choir's next performance will be a supper concert at Montgomery Town Hall on October 7.For tickets call (01686) 669730. A complete contrast will be on Saturday, November 4, when the choir sings at the Service of Remembrance in St Oswald's church, Oswestry. December sees carol concerts at Meifod and Guilsfield, so there will be plenty to revise or learn over the coming months.

* THE Shawbury Military Wives Choir will make a return visit to Welshpool on Sunday, October 1 to perform at a concert in the town's Methodist Church.

Also appearing will be the Porthywaen Silver Band and hit recording star Tammy Jones.

The concert will be to raise money for the Military Wives Charity and will commence at 7.30pm with doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £7.50 and available in advance from Welshpool Jewellers or Theatre Hafren Box Office.

Coming soon...

Former Oasis man Liam on tour

Oswestry and Welshpool fans of Liam Gallagher will have a chance to see the singer perform in Birmingham later this year. After playing sets full of emerging classics and old favourites at the Reading and Leeds Festivals, Liam Gallagher has now announced the first arena tour of his solo career. The former Oasis frontman will perform on December 12 at Arena Birmingham. Representing his first tour following the October 6 release of his debut solo album 'As You Were', the announcement comes as Liam is back at the height of his powers. His return has been nothing short of spectacular, from emotive scenes in Manchester to huge sing-a-longs at Glastonbury, while three new tracks – 'Wall of Glass', 'Chinatown' and 'For What It's Worth' – are already establishing themselves as towering anthems, delivered with Liam's once-in-a-lifetime vocal. Fans who pre-order any format of Liam's debut album 'As You Were' from his official site https://wbr.ec/liam-store will receive instant downloads of 'Wall of Glass', 'Chinatown' and 'For What It's Worth'. The album will be released on digital (standard and deluxe), CD (standard and deluxe) and vinyl (standard 12" and limited edition coloured 12" formats) formats. A special boxset is also available which compiles a coloured 12" vinyl of the album, an exclusive 7" format of 'For What It's Worth', a print designed by Klaus Voorman (the artist behind The Beatles' 'Revolver' album cover) and additional collectors' items.

City date for global superstar

Global superstar Jason Derulo is bigger than ever before and can now announce details of his second UK arena tour which takes place next March. Seven shows form the UK leg of his world tour which will see him take the stage at Genting Arena, Birmingham on March 24.

In the UK, Jason Derulo has topped the charts with four number one smash hit singles in the shape of 'In My Head', 'Don't Wanna Go Home', 'Talk Dirty' and 'Want To Want Me'. In addition, he has also landed another eight Top 10 hits including his 2009 debut 'Whatcha Say', a feature on Little Mix's 'Secret Love Song', and this year's 'Swalla' which features Nicki Minaj and has already passed 383 million at Spotify alone.

Over the course of his career to date, Jason Derulo went from writing songs for Lil Wayne, Pitbull, Diddy, Sean Kingston and others, to selling 50 million singles worldwide. In the process, he has accumulated over 3.9 billion views on YouTube and in excess of 2 billion plays on Spotify.

Tickets for the Genting Arena date are on general sale from www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 33 88 222.

Calls cost 7p per minute plus your phone company's access charge.

Tickets priced at £34.24 / £45.54 / £63.05 / VIP £205.90 (includes admin fees and 90p facility fee) + £2.55 fulfilment fee per order.

Theatre in running for grand prize

Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre is in the running to be crowned the most welcoming theatre in the UK. The Lichfield Street theatre has been nominated for the prestigious award by UK Theatre. People have until noon on Tuesday to vote for the historic venue ahead of a special ceremony announcing the winners on October 15 at London's Guildhall. The awards recognise theatres from across the UK. Other West Midlands nominees include Birmingham Hippodrome, Birmingham Repertory Theatre, mac Birmingham, New Alexandra Theatre Birmingham, Town Hall & Symphony Hall, Birmingham, as well as New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme. A statement on the UK Theatre website said: "There are many things that shape your experience when you visit a theatre; a friendly chat with box office staff, enjoying a delicious coffee in the cafe, feeling like you're part of your local community, or being entertained by the panto."

To vote visit uk theatre.org/vote

September 16

saturday

Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme

5.40pm

The Strictly Come Dancing judge hosts the game show, as Hal Cruttenden, Vogue Williams, Gethin Jones and Chizzy Akudolu help would-be poets.

PDC Champions League of Darts

6.45pm

Four further group-stage matches from Motorpoint Arena in Cardiff, as the second staging of the competition featuring the world's top eight players.

The X Factor

8pm

The auditions stage continues as more would-be pop icons face the scrutiny of star-making judges Simon Cowell, Sharon Osbourne, Louis Walsh and Nicole Scherzinger.

Dunkirk: The New Evidence

7pm

Documentary examining the famous Second World War evacuation of Allied soldiers – codenamed Operation Dynamo – from the beaches of Dunkirk, France, between May 26 and June 4.

Football on 5: The Championship

9pm

Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Barnsley v Aston Villa and Hull City v Sunderland.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** Matt Tebbutt is joined by Russell Howard and chefs Sabrina Ghayour and Ching-He Huang. Peter Richards chooses wine to accompany the meals prepared in the show.
11.30 **The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food.** Si King and Dave Myers share their favourite home-cooked food. (R)
12.00 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's matches, which include Watford v Manchester City, Chelsea v Arsenal and Manchester United v Everton.
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Live PDC Darts Champions League.** Coverage of four group-stage matches from Motorpoint Arena in Cardiff, as the second staging of the competition featuring the world's top eight players gets under way. Coverage continues on BBC2 at 6.45pm.
4.30 **Final Score.** Jacqui Oatley presents a round-up of this afternoon's results.
5.25 **BBC News.**
5.35 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
5.40 **Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme.** With Hal Cruttenden, Vogue Williams, Gethin Jones and Chizzy Akudolu.
6.10 **Pointless Celebrities.** TV experts Kieran Long, Piers Taylor, Martin Roberts, Amanda Lamb, Vicki Butler-Henderson, Tiff Needell, John Hammond and Laura Tobin compete in the unorthodox quiz show. (R)
7.00 **Even Better Than the Real Thing.** Paddy McGuinness presents some of the UK's best tribute artists, beginning with doubles of Whitney Houston, George Michael, Little Mix, Amy Winehouse and Bruno Mars.
8.00 **Who Dares Wins.** Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. Last in the series.
8.45 **Casualty.** Dylan's attempt to reunite Sanosi with his uncle does not go according to plan, while Alicia wants to learn to drive, but a crash course with Elle ends in an accident.
9.35 **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes ends up at the wrong venue after trying to gatecrash Maria's hen party. She then tries to impress the bride-to-be's mother during a dinner date, but the evening ends in chaos. (R)
10.05 **BBC News;** Weather; **National Lottery Update.**
10.25 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Watford v Manchester City at Vicarage Road and Tottenham Hotspur v Swansea City at Wembley Stadium.
11.55 **People Just Do Nothing.** Grindah goes on his stag night, but ends up having cold feet while Beats makes a mistake when booking the stripper.
12.25 FILM: **The Uninvited (2009).** A teenager released from a mental institution begins to suspect her stepmother may have caused her mother's death in a fire. Thriller, starring Emily Browning and Arielle Kebbel.
1.45 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.50 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 **The NFL Show.** Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL. (R)
6.30 **How We Won the War.** Jules Hudson samples rationing-era dishes in Scotland. (R)
7.00 FILM: **My Favorite Wife (1940).** A man remarries seven years after his wife's disappearance – then finds his life thrown into turmoil by her unexpected return. Screwball comedy, with Cary Grant and Irene Dunne.
8.25 **James Mason: Talking Pictures.** A look back on James Mason's life and career. (R)
9.05 FILM: **Hotel Reserve (1944).** An Austrian student's love of photography leads to him being accused of spying while holidaying in pre-Second World War France. Thriller, with James Mason and Lucie Mannheim.
10.30 **Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo.** The former MP visits the site of Britain's deadliest train crash. (R)
11.00 **Coast.** Tales of coastal ingenuity, including the birth of British commercial radio in a French fishing village in the 1930s and a First World War plan to hide Allied ships in plain sight. (R)
12.00 **Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure.** Len Goodman has his first taste of Korean barbecue food and samples Swedish cuisine, and Ainsley Harriott cooks a salmon and mango salad inspired by the day's adventures. (R)
12.45 **Triathlon: World Grand Final.** Ore Oduba introduces coverage of the season finale in Rotterdam, featuring the men's and women's elite races. With analysis by Annie Emmerson and Vicky Holland.
5.15 **The Big Family Cooking Showdown.** Zoe Ball and Nadiya Hussain host another round of the culinary competition, which sees the Ayoubi family from Essex up against the Herberts from Gloucestershire. (R)
6.15 **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring sets up an observation post in the local lighthouse and annoys the ARP wardens by flooding the whole town with light during an air raid. (R)
6.45 **PDC Champions League of Darts.** Coverage of four further group-stage matches from Motorpoint Arena in Cardiff, as the second staging of the competition featuring the world's top eight players continues.
10.15 **The A-Z of Later – with Jools Holland: From Adele to ZZ Top.** Highlights from the past 25 years of the music programme, including the TV debuts of Adele and Amy Winehouse, as well as performances by Sting, Chrissie Hynde and Rag 'n' Bone Man.
11.45 FILM: **The White Countess (2005).** A relationship develops between a blind former American diplomat and a Russian refugee in 1930s Shanghai. Period romantic drama, with Ralph Fiennes and Natasha Richardson.
1.50 FILM: **Renoir (2012).** The elderly impressionist painter finds fresh inspiration in a model, but his son falls in love with her. Drama, with Michel Bouquet and Christa Theret.
3.35 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Sooty **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **7.00** Mission Employable **7.05** Oddbods **7.10** Oddbods **7.20** Super 4
7.30 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
7.35 **Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Fangbone.** (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls.** (R)
8.30 **Scrambled!: Star Wars: The Yoda Chronicles.** (R)
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children.
9.25 **Saturday Morning with James Martin.** The TV chef invites is joined at home by guests Martine McCutcheon and Paul Ainsworth, and prepares crab and prawn cocktail and lamb shoulder with peas, herbs and feta.
11.20 **The Hungry Sailors.** Dick and James Strawbridge visit Falmouth, Cornwall. (R)
12.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.25 **The X Factor.** The fourth rounds of auditions. (R)
1.30 **ITV Racing: Live at Doncaster.** Ed Chamberlin and Francesca Cumani present coverage of today's races, including day three of the St Leger meeting in Doncaster.
4.00 FILM: **Bean (1997).** Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson.
5.35 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
5.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.00 **The Family Chase.** Bradley Walsh pits a family from Essex against some of the finest quiz brains in the country, in a twist on the popular general-knowledge game show.
7.00 **Cannonball.** Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show, in which contestants tackle a series of water-based, obstacle course challenges in the hope of claiming the Cannonball Cup.
8.00 **The X Factor.** The auditions stage continues as more would-be pop icons face the scrutiny of star-making judges Simon Cowell, Sharon Osbourne, Louis Walsh and Nicole Scherzinger.
9.15 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host is joined by Paul Hollywood, Noel Fielding, Jeff Bridges, Julianne Moore, Taron Egerton and Halle Berry. Plus, Craig David will be performing in the studio.
10.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.35 FILM: **The Nutty Professor (1996).** A shy, overweight professor invents a potion that transforms him into a slim, loud-mouthed charmer. Comedy remake, starring Eddie Murphy, Jada Pinkett Smith and James Coburn.
12.20 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **The Hungry Sailors.** Dick and James Strawbridge visit Sark as their Channel Island adventure continues, testing their skills at herding sheep, ploughing fields and making buns with baker Tony Caetano. (R)
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

6.10 **Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup.** Action from round six at Thruxton.
6.40 **Triathlon: Vitoria-Gasteiz.** Highlights from northern Spain.
7.05 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Frank causes trouble by stealing a football. (R)
7.35 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Marie tries to make her family look good. (R)
8.00 **Frasier.** A woman enchants Frasier. (R)
8.30 **Frasier.** The shrink unwittingly offers to pay for Daphne's wedding. (R)
9.00 **Frasier.** The shrink finds himself the butt of practical jokes. (R)
9.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** The gang celebrates Star Wars Day. (R)
10.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** Penny gets fired from the movie. (R)
10.25 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon is upset about his career. (R)
10.55 **Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Practice 3 Live.** Coverage of the Singapore Grand Prix third practice session.
12.25 **F1 Meets Jackie Stewart.** An interview with the acclaimed driver.
12.55 **Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Qualifying Live.** Coverage of the Singapore Grand Prix qualifying session (Start-time 1.00pm).
3.45 **World's Most Expensive Cars.** The fastest road car ever produced goes under the hammer.
4.45 **A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** A couple hoping to buy a property in Cyprus. (R)
5.35 **Location, Location, Location.** First time buyers Louise and Johnny search for a family home in Weybridge. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Dunkirk: The New Evidence.** Documentary examining the famous Second World War evacuation of Allied soldiers – codenamed Operation Dynamo – from the beaches of Dunkirk, France, between May 26 and June 4, 1940. (R)
8.00 **WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails.** New series. Monty Halls reveals stories of Allied soldiers who escaped from Nazi territory during the Second World War, starting with the most successful mass escape of Allied PoWs.
9.00 FILM: **Super 8 (2011).** A group of children witnesses a train crash and discovers an alien creature has escaped from the wreckage. Sci-fi thriller, starring Joel Courtney and Elle Fanning.
11.20 FILM: **The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones (2013).** A teenager discovers she is part of a race of magical beings tasked with defending the world from demons. Fantasy adventure, with Lily Collins and Jamie Campbell Bower.
1.35 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA.** The chef helps a French bistro in New Jersey. (R)
2.30 **Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. Lisa is still uncertain about being a surrogate for Louis and Simone, while Lily is devastated when she finds out that it's unlikely she will get into Oxford or Cambridge.
4.35 **Location, Location, Location.** Helping prospective buyers in the Home Counties. (R)
5.30 **Four in a Bed.** The owners visit the Highland Guesthouse. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Poppy Cat **6.10** Little Princess **6.25** The Mr Men Show **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About **6.45** Simon **6.50** Peppa Pig **6.55** Wissper **7.05** Paw Patrol **7.15** Bob the Builder **7.30** Fireman Sam **7.40** Olly the Little White Van **7.45** Paw Patrol **8.00** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.30** Noddy: Toyland Detective **8.45** Floogals **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.10** Shimmer and Shine **9.25** Digby Dragon **9.45** Peppa Pig **9.55** Peppa Pig **10.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **10.10** Olly the Little White Van
10.20 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Donatello's intellect is put to the test when the Triceratons attack. (R)
10.55 **Animals Make You Laugh Out Loud 2.** Compilation of clips. (R)
11.20 FILM: **Columbo: Grand Deceptions (1989).** Crime drama, starring Peter Falk.
1.15 FILM: **Columbo: Murder, Smoke and Shadows (1989).** Crime drama, starring Peter Falk.
3.10 **Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords.** A young mum is locked out of her own home. (R)
4.10 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** Disputes in which mistrustful neighbours resorted to subterfuge. (R)
5.10 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** Including a dispute over a shed that turned to violence. (R)
6.05 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Agents try to recover almost £2,000 owed by the owner of a bridal shop in London, while officers in Kent chase over £4,000 of vet fees after two neighbouring dogs got into a fight. (R)
7.00 **Can't Pay Special: Big Family Bust Up.** The enforcement agents are caught in the crossfire of three bitter family disputes, including a debt-dodging man who pushes his panic-stricken mother over the edge. (R)
8.00 **The Great Fire: Death and Destruction.** The worst day of the inferno, revealing how St Paul's Cathedral burned so fiercely its stones exploded and Pudding Lane baker Thomas Farriner made sure no blame landed on him. (R)
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Barnsley v Aston Villa, Hull City v Sunderland, and Millwall v Leeds United.
10.00 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Blackburn Rovers v AFC Wimbledon, and Lincoln City v Mansfield Town.
10.30 **The NCIS Movie: Legend.** Feature-length episode. The agents travel to LA to work with another NCIS team on an investigation that escalates into a high-priority case, and Tony begins to pry into Ziva's life. (R)
12.05 **Cricket on 5.**
1.05 **SuperCasino.**
3.10 **Ring of Fire.**
4.40 **Divine Designs.** (R)
5.10 **Wildlife SOS.** (R)
5.30 **Chinese Food in Minutes.**
5.45 **Chinese Food in Minutes.** (R)

September 17

sunday

Fake or Fortune?
8pm
Nicky Philipps asks Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould to help resolve prolonged debate over whether a painting housed at Picton Castle, her family's ancestral home, is a genuine Renoir.

Risk
10pm
Premiere. Documentary following Wikileaks founder Julian Assange over the course of six years during his political asylum in the Ecuadorian embassy in London.

Never Say Never Again
3pm
James Bond takes on a criminal mastermind who has hijacked two US nuclear warheads and concealed them in the Bahamas. Action adventure, with Sean Connery.

Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year
7pm
George Clarke presides over the final categories, for eco-friendly and budget sheds, before the judges decide which of the eight finalists is this year's winner.

Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
8pm
Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman introduce action from the third round of matches, including Northampton Saints v Bath.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Watford v Manchester City at Vicarage Road and Tottenham Hotspur v Swansea City at Wembley Stadium. (R)
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **Sunday Morning Live.** Sean Fletcher and Emma Barnett present topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
11.00 **Sunday Politics West Midlands.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Sarah Smith. Including a regional round-up.
12.15 **Bargain Hunt.** From the Royal Highland Centre, near Edinburgh. (R)
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Fake or Fortune?** Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould investigate the history of two pictures, both of which are believed to be by Paul Gauguin, one of the giants of 19th-century art. (R)
2.15 **Money for Nothing.** Sarah Moore transforms more items in Bredbury, Greater Manchester. (R)
3.00 **Escape to the Country.** A self-employed couple seek a new rural home on the Welsh border. (R)
3.45 **Points of View.**
4.00 **Songs of Praise.** Aled Jones presents from the Eastbourne International Air Show.
4.35 **How to Stay Young.** In a time where people are living longer but not ageing well, volunteers go through a series of experiments in an attempt to reverse the aging process. (R)
5.35 **Invictus: Battle to the Start Line.** The stories of four soldiers-turned-athletes competing in the Invictus Games as part of the UK Armed Forces Team, revealing how they recovered from life-changing injuries.
6.35 **BBC News.**
6.50 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
7.00 **Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison celebrates the Lake District becoming a World Heritage Site. Plus, a look ahead to this year's Children in Need Big Ramble, revealing how viewers can take part.
8.00 **Fake or Fortune?** Nicky Philipps asks Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould to help resolve prolonged debate over whether a painting housed at Picton Castle, her family's ancestral home, is a genuine Renoir. (R)
9.00 **Strike – The Silkworm.** Part two of two. Strike and Robin become suspicious of Fancourt after he makes a revealing mistake during a TV interview as the authorship of the fatal novel comes under question.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, which featured Manchester United v Everton at Old Trafford and Chelsea v Arsenal at Stamford Bridge.
11.30 **Fugitives.** Police hunt down a dangerous robber on the run in the Netherlands, and officers in London try to extradite a convicted Turkish man refusing to leave his home. (R)
12.15 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
12.20 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.05 **Great British Garden Revival.** Leading TV experts offer more horticultural advice, with Rachel de Thame championing old-fashioned roses and Joe Swift putting the case for climbers and creepers. (R)
7.05 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don prunes summer-fruiting raspberries and gives his recommendations for bulbs to plant now that will thrive in pots and bring much-needed colour next year. (R)
8.05 **The Beechgrove Garden.** The team presents a roadshow from the Fife county town of Cupar.
8.35 **Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison presents the show from Cornwall's Rame Peninsula, revealing the story of the last traditional fisherman in the area and his work with disadvantaged youngsters. (R)
9.30 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Matt Tebbutt presents highlights of the series, recalling his favourite moments from previous years in the kitchen.
11.00 **Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food.** Easy-to-prepare dishes to fit into a hectic daily routine. Last in the series. (R)
11.30 **My Life on a Plate.** Nigel Havers reminisces about his childhood in Suffolk, and recalls stories of betting at Newmarket at the age of 5 and setting fire to a listed building, amongst other capers. (R)
12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.**
1.00 **PDC Champions League of Darts.** Coverage of the concluding group-stage matches from Motorpoint Arena in Cardiff, as the second staging of the competition featuring the world's top eight players continues.
4.30 **Tribes, Predators & Me.** A family of nomads teach Gordon Buchanan how they hunt with golden eagles in the Mongolian mountains. But first he must gain the trust of his eagle if he is to join them. (R)
5.30 **Top Gear.** Chris Harris test-drives the Ferrari FXXK at the Daytona circuit and is joined by Matt LeBlanc and Rory Reid to race across Kazakhstan in three high-mileage cars. (R)
6.30 **PDC Champions League of Darts.** Coverage of the semi-finals and final from Cardiff's Motorpoint Arena, as the players to have progressed through the group stage hope to claim the £100,000 first prize.
10.00 FILM: **Risk (2016).** Premiere. Documentary following Wikileaks founder Julian Assange over the course of six years during his political asylum in the Ecuadorian embassy in London.
11.25 FILM: **The Devil's Double (2011).** An Iraqi soldier is plunged into a world of murder and violence when he becomes a body double for Saddam Hussein's son. Fact-based drama, with Dominic Cooper and Ludivine Sagnier.
1.10 **Sign Zone: Question Time.** Topical debate from Stratford in east London, where the panel includes novelist Will Self. Chaired by David Dimbleby. (R)
2.10 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** As Guy's behaviour becomes increasingly erratic, Zosia's concerns put her in an impossible position, and Donna is shocked when her patient has a surprising visitor. (R)
3.10 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Sooty **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **7.00** Mission Employable **7.05** Oddbods **7.10** Oddbods **7.20** Super 4
7.30 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
7.35 **Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** The clumsy hero sets out to buy a new sofa. (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: Ben 10.** The youngster fights more colourful foes. (R)
8.30 **Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo!** Adventures with the Scooby gang. (R)
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children.
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **James Martin's French Adventure.** The chef visits the riverside town of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue. (R)
9.55 FILM: **Problem Child (1990).** Comedy, starring John Ritter.
11.30 **Robson Green's Coastal Lives.** The presenter explores the lives of people who live on Britain's coastline. (R)
12.30 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.40 **Bear Grylls Survival School.** Part two of two. Bear's pupils face one last challenge on the side of a mountain. Last in the series. (R)
1.10 **Catchphrase.** Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (R)
1.50 **The X Factor.** The auditions stage continues. (R)
3.00 FILM: **Never Say Never Again (1983).** James Bond adventure, starring Sean Connery.
5.35 **Victoria.** The queen throws a lavish medieval ball. (R)
6.35 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
7.00 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Ben Shephard presents a celebrity edition of the quiz, in which Professor Green, Sair Khan and Sean Kelly answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.
8.00 **The X Factor.** Talent contest, hosted by Dermot O'Leary, in which solo singers and groups compete to win a recording contract.
9.00 **Victoria.** A crisis compels Albert to return to Coburg, where he learns a terrible family secret, while a troubled Victoria struggles to bond with her newly born second child.
10.05 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.20 **Judge Rinder's Crime Stories.** Barrister Robert Rinder examines the cases of six children killed in a house fire that may not have been an accident and a woman who suffered a brutal attack in her own home. (R)
11.20 **Liar.** A teacher finds herself entangled in a web of deceit and confusion after a date with a widowed surgeon. Thriller, starring Joanne Froggatt and Ioan Gruffudd. (R)
12.15 **Jackpot247.** Interactive gaming.
3.00 **Motorsport UK.**
3.50 **British Superbike Championship Highlights.** Action from all three races at Silverstone.
5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)

Channel 4

6.20 **Last Man Standing.** Mike and Ed have doubts about Kyle's sporting ability.
6.40 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra relinquishes some of her power. (R)
7.05 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** A snowstorm traps Ray and Debra. (R)
7.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray's competitive streak takes over. (R)
8.00 **Frasier.** Martin plans his own funeral. (R)
8.30 **Frasier.** Niles suspects Frasier of coveting his date. (R)
9.00 **Sunday Brunch.** With guests Jason Byrne and Melvin Odoom.
12.00 **Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live Build-Up.** A look ahead to the race.
12.35 **Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live.** Coverage of the 14th race of the season (Start-time 1.00pm).
3.10 **Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live Reaction.** In-depth analysis of this afternoon's race.
4.15 **The Crystal Maze.** A cosplay team tackles the Maze. (R)
5.15 **The Great British Bake Off.** The contestants tackle bread week. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year.** George Clarke presides over the final categories, for eco-friendly and budget sheds, before the judges decide which of the eight finalists is this year's winner. Last in the series.
8.00 **Speed with Guy Martin: F1 Challenge.** The motorcycle racer joins a Formula One pit crew during the 2017 Belgian Grand Prix, learning the split second timing that allows a team to change four tyres in 1.92 seconds.
9.00 **Electric Dreams: The Hood Maker.** New series. Sci-fi anthology series based on the works of Philip K Dick. In the aftermath of a catastrophic meteor shower, war brews between surviving humans and telepathic mutants.
10.10 **Lee Mack: Hit the Road Mack.** The comedian performs at London's Hammersmith Apollo in a show from his 2014 tour. (R)
11.05 FILM: **Slumdog Millionaire (2008).** An impoverished Indian teenager accused of cheating on a quiz show tells the police his eventful life story. Danny Boyle's Oscar-winning drama, with Dev Patel and Freida Pinto.
1.20 **The Supervet: Bionic Specials.** The owner of a one-year-old cat born with deformed front legs hopes Professor Noel Fitzpatrick will be able to fit it with two new bionic feet. (R)
2.15 **Gillette World Sport.** With karate world champion Jordan Thomas.
2.45 **KOTV Boxing Weekly.** Highlights featuring Conor Benn.
3.10 **Location, Location, Location.** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer revisit two couples who wanted to buy dream starter homes in Windsor and London to see how things have worked out for them. (R)
4.10 **Building the Dream.** Charlie Luxton helps Andrew and Vicki Dodden from Cannington, Somerset, who plan to transform an 18th-century cottage into an eco-friendly home that is suitable for modern living. (R)
5.05 **Four in a Bed.** From the Fairfax Hotel in Skegness. (R)
5.30 **Too Many Cooks.** (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Poppy Cat **6.10** Little Princess **6.25** Mr Men **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About **6.45** Simon **6.50** Peppa Pig **6.55** Wissper **7.05** Paw Patrol **7.15** Bob the Builder **7.25** Fireman Sam **7.40** Olly the Little White Van **7.50** Paw Patrol **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective **8.50** Floogals **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.20** Shimmer and Shine **9.35** Digby Dragon **9.50** Peppa Pig **9.55** Peppa Pig
10.05 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Raphael loses his confidence. (R)
10.40 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games. (R)
11.30 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** All the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (R)
12.00 **Police Interceptors.** Dog handler Bob hunts down a suspected knifeman. (R)
1.00 **Police Interceptors.** Jenno joins the takedown of a man suspected to be armed. (R)
2.00 **Police Interceptors.** The work of elite units of the Durham, Cleveland and Cheshire forces. (R)
3.00 FILM: **Open Season (2006).** Animated comedy, with the voice of Martin Lawrence.
4.45 FILM: **Annie (2014).** Premiere. Musical remake, starring Quvenzhane Wallis and Jamie Foxx.
5.45 **5 News Update.**
5.50 FILM: **Annie (2014).** Premiere. Concluded.
7.05 **Before They Were Stars.** Dale Winton treks back through the TV archive to uncover embarrassing early brushes with fame endured by some of today's biggest stars. (R)
8.00 **Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights.** Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman introduce action from the third round of matches, including Northampton Saints v Bath, Worcester Warriors v Exeter Chiefs and Wasps v Harlequins.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **How Magic Changed TV.** The story of magic on television, featuring a look back at how performers like Paul Daniels, Penn & Teller, Derren Brown, David Blaine and Dynamo transformed the art form.
11.05 **When Magic Goes Wrong.** Illusions that went spectacularly badly, including stories of magicians' brushes with death, as well as mishaps involving Dynamo, Paul Daniels and David Blaine. (R)
1.45 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10 **Gotham.** Gordon and Bullock search for a man distributing vials of a drug that makes users super-strong, while Bruce tries to establish Wayne Enterprises' role in the Arkham project. (R)
4.00 **Now That's Funny!** Internet-sourced videos with an amusing family friendly hook. (R)
4.50 **Divine Designs.** Churches designed by Christopher Wren. (R)
5.20 **Wildlife SOS.** The work of an animal sanctuary. (R)

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11 **RENAULT CLIO DYNAMIQUE TOMTOM 16V,** GREY, AIR CON., ALLOY WHEELS, SERVICE HISTORY 46K £3,795
08 **TOYOTA YARIS TR,** SILVER, ONE OWNER, SERVICE HISTORY 68K £3,495
59 **SKODA FABIA 5 DOOR,** LIGHT GREEN MET., AIR CON., ALLOY WHEELS, SERVICE HIST. SOLD ..... SOLD
07 **RENAULT CLIO EXTREME,** 3 DOOR, SILVER, SERVICE HISTORY 32K £2,795
06 **TOYOTA AYGO SPORT,** 3 DOOR, LIGHT MET. BLUE, ALLOY WHEELS, ONE OWNER, £20 ROAD TAX SOLD ..... SOLD

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62 **PEUGEOT BIPPER S 1.3 HDI,** BLUE, SIDE DOOR, ONE OWNER 60K £3,695

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65 **V/W TRANSPORTER 2.0 TDI,** WHITE, SIDE DOOR, ELECTRIC WINDOWS, ONE OWNER 4K £13,495
13 **FORD TRANSIT TIPPER CREW CAB,** WHITE, ELECT.WINDOWS, REVSERSING CAMERA, BUILT IN SCALES, SERVICE HISTORY 41K £10,995
13 **TOYOTA HILUX HL2 D-4D 4X4 DCB,** WHITE, ONE OWNER, SERVICE HISTORY 58K £10,995
64 **PEUGEOT EXPERT HDI,** WHITE, TWIN SIDE DOORS, AIR CON., SHELVING IN REAR 40K £7,995
13 **FORD TRANSIT SWB T280 100 bhp,** 6 SPEED, SIDE DOOR, WHITE, SERVICE HISTORY 45K £7,495
14 **FORD TRANSIT T350 LWB,** WHITE, HIGH TOP 125BHP, 6 SPEED, ELEC. WINDOWS SERVICE HISTORY 74K £7,495
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62 **FORD TRANSIT 125BHP SWB,** 6 SPEED, WHITE, SERVICE HISTORY, ROOF RACK 52K £6,995
60 **VAUXHALL VIVARO 2900 CDTI LWB,** BLUE, AIR CON., ELEC. WINDOWS, FULL RACKING AND SHELVING, SERVICE HISTORY 49K £6,995
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14 **RENAULT KANGOO ML19 EXTRA DCI 90** WHITE, AIR CON., REAR PARKING SENSORS, SAT. NAV. 37K £5,650
63 **PEUGEOT PARTNER PROFESSIONAL 1.6 HDI.** 3 SEATER, WHITE, SIDE DOOR, AIR CON. ONE OWNER 54K £5,495
62 **V/W CADDY C20 PLUS Tdi,** WHITE, SIDE DOOR, SERVICE HISTORY 61K £5,495
14 **FIAT DOBLO CARGO 1.3 JTD 90 BHP,** WHITE, SIDE DOOR, ELECTRIC WINDOWS 59K £4,495
61 **2012 VAUX. ASTRA VAN CLUB ECOFLEX 1.7 CDTI,** WHITE, 6 SPEED, SERV. HIST. 78K £3,995

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MOTORING

Call for learner drivers to take lessons on rural roads

Rural driving lessons should be compulsory for all learner drivers, according to a road safety charity.

Figures from the Department for Transport show that 120 young drivers lost their lives in 2015 – the last year for which statistics are available – with 80 per cent of these deaths occurring on country roads.

In comparison, 16 per cent took place on urban roads and just four per cent on motorways.

Jason Wakeford, director of campaigns for road safety charity Brake, said: "High speeds, sharp bends, narrow lanes, risky overtaking and the presence of vulnerable road users like cyclists, make rural roads the most dangerous by far.

"The combination of rural roads and novice drivers is lethal – a staggering 80 per cent of all young car driver fatalities occur in rural locations.

"Brake is calling for a total overhaul of the learning to drive system to help cut fatalities and injuries.

"A graduated licensing system, including a minimum learning period, mandatory training on rural roads and restrictions for newly qualified drivers – such as a zero drink-drive limit – will allow new drivers to build up more skills and experience over a longer period."

Wakeford said similar systems in Australia and New Zealand had "dramatically reduced road casualties" and could save as many as 400 lives per year if introduced in Britain. He added: "Brake is also calling for a review of rural speed limits and for voluntary intelligent speed adaptation systems, which help drivers keep within the limit, to be fitted as standard to new cars.

"There is also the need for better and more affordable public transport, so fewer young people see starting driving in their teens as a necessity."

However, a spokesperson for the Department for Transport ruled out rural lessons being introduced.

The spokesperson said: "We encourage learner drivers to experience as many driving conditions and road types as possible, however making lessons compulsory on rural roads would be impractical due to geographical distances and potential associated costs.

"We are constantly taking action to help keep young drivers safe, including allowing learner drivers to take lessons on motorways, tightening the laws on drug driving and using a mobile phone behind the wheel, and we are spending £175 million upgrading 50 of England's most dangerous local A-roads."

Rural roads have proved lethal for novice drivers

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CAR OF THE WEEK

57 **FORD FUSION TDCI, DIESEL,** lots of money spent, proper car £1,995
64 **CITROEN DS3 STYLE Plus HDi Convertible,** Deep Plum Metallic, Alloys, Low Mileage must be seen ..... ~~£6795~~ £6495
11 **FORD FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC** Black ..... SOLD
08 **VW JETTA SE TDi 140,** Black Service History ..... ~~£3795~~ £3295
07 **BMW 116 ISE** 77k, Service History ..... SOLD
06 **BMW X3 2.0 DIESEL** Black £4995
61 **VAUXHALL CORSA EXCITE 1.2** Red, lady ownerOnly £3995
60 **VAUXHALL CORSA** Ecoflex Silver, 35k ..... ~~£3995~~ £3395
59 **CITROEN C3 AIRDREAM + HDi** Diesel, Cheap Road Tax ..... SOLD
58 **CITROEN C3 RHYTHM 1.4 HDi** Diesel, Black £2195
58 **BMW 118 SE Diesel,** Grey Metallic ..... ~~£5595~~ £4995
56 **TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT 1.3,** Silver, Beautiful Condition, MP3 Player . ~~£3175~~ £2875
56 **VAUXHALL VECTRA Exclusive 1.8** Red Metallic £2895
06 **VAUXHALL ZAFIRA Active 1.6,** low mileage, beautiful car ..... SOLD
54 **FORD FIESTA FLAME** 5-dr. Silver £2495

CONVERTIBLES

04 **VAUXHALL TIGRA SPORT,** Silver £1295
03 **FORD STREET KA** Blue Convertible £1795

4X4/ COMMERCIALS

57 **SSANGYONG REXTON 2.7 TDI,** Silver £3,575
04 **TOYOTA RAV XT 4 DIESEL,** Silver £2,295
02 **JEEP CHEROKEE 3.7 AUTO,** Limited Edition, Low Miles for year £1,450
08 **HONDA CRV 2.0 ES V-Tec AUTO,** Red ..... ~~£4595~~ £4195
60 **CITROEN BERLINGO 1.6 HDi Enterprise,** Blue ..... SOLD
04 **RENAULT KANGOO TREKKA 4x4** £1395
53 **PEUGEOT PARTNER QUIKSILVER MPV** ..... SOLD

CHEAP AND CHEERFUL/PART EXCHANGE BARGAINS

03 **VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 SXI,** Low Miles, must be seen £1,195
09 **FIAT PUNTO, Black** £1450
06 **FORD MONDEO TITANIUM** Diesel. High Mileage £1995
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17 (17) **KIA VENGA 3 1.6CDTi,** Gun Metal Grey, 1,800 miles ..... DUE IN
15 (65) **NISSAN JUKE 1.5Dci Acenta** 16,000 miles, Grey £10,450
15 (65) **KIA CEE'D 3 1.6 CDRI,** Dark Gun Metal ..... DUE IN
15 (15) **NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI ACENTA,** White ..... DUE IN
15 (15) **VAUXHALL MERIVA 1.6 CDTI TECH LINE** White, 11,000 miles only £8,995
14 (14) **FORD MONDEO 1.6CDTi GRAPHITE** Silver £9,850
14 (14) **KIA CEED 2 1.6 CRDi** Infra Red £11,850
14 (63) **RENAULT CLIO 1.5 DCi DYNAMIQUE** M-NAV Flame Red £8,975
13 (13) **NISSAN JUKE 1.5DCi Acenta** White ..... DUE IN
13 (13) **CITROEN C3** Picasso 1.6 VTR+, Silver £7,250
13 (63) **VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.7 CDTi** Exclusive, Grey £11,850
13 (63) **VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.7 CDTi** Exclusive, Blue ..... DUE IN
12 (62) **KIA CEED 1 1.6CRDi** Phanton Black £6,750
12 (62) **PEUGEOT 5008 1.6 HDi ACTIVE** Silver, ... £8,950
12 (62) **FORD FOCUS 1.6TDCi Zetec,** 5 Door, Silver ..... DUE IN
12 (12) **SEAT IBIZA 1.2 TDi SE ECOMOTIVE,** Grey £7,250
11 (11) **NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI ACENTA,** Force Red ..... DUE IN
10 (10) **RENAULT MEGANE 1.5 DCi EXPRESSION** Silver £6,850
10 (10) **RENAULT MEGANE 1.5 DCi EXPRESSION** Pearl Black £6,850
10 (10) **KIA CEED 3 1.6 CRDi.** Phoenix Grey £4,650
09 (09) **VAUXHALL CORSA 1.7 CDTi DESIGN** 5-dr. Silver, ... £5,750
08 (58) **MINI COOPER 1.6 d (Chilli pack).** Black/White roof, high spec £6,450
08 (58) **VOLKSWAGEN JETTA 2.0 TDI SPORT,** Lovely Condition, Blue £6,850
08 (08) **SKODA OCTAVIA 1.9 TDi CLASSIC** Silver £4,850
08 (57) **VW GOLF GT 2.0 TDi Sport,** Shadow Blue £3,650
05 (55) **VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.9 CDTi DESIGN.** Black £3,250

Petrol Selection

15 (15) **VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 DESIGN** 5-dr. Red £8,950
14 (14) **MINI ONE COUNTRYMAN (Pepper Pack)** Light White £10,450
13 (63) **VAUXHALL MERIVA 1.4 SE** Blue £8,950
12 (12) **KIA CEED 2 1.6,** Planet Blue £6,950
11 (61) **CITROEN DS3 1.6 SPORT,** Grey £5,850
11 (11) **FORD C-MAX 1.6 ZETEC,** Silver ..... DUE IN
10 (60) **NISSAN JUKE 1.6 ACENTA** Sport. Blade Silver £7,950
10 (10) **MINI CLUBMAN GRAPHITE,** 37,000 miles, Grey £7,450
10 (10) **RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE** Tom Tom, 6,000 miles, Blue £8,450
10 (10) **VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.4 SRi** 5dr, 13,000 miles, Black £8,950
10 (10) **VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 SSRi** 5dr, 9,000 miles, Grey £8,950
09 (59) **VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4SXi,** 3 Door, Red £4,250
09 (09) **MINI COOPER CONVERTIBLE,** Chilli pack, Horizon Blue £9,650
08 (08) **MAZDA MX-5 2.0 NISEKO ROADSTER,** Silver £7,850
07 (57) **MAZDA MX-5 1.8i CONVERTIBLE,** Galaxy Grey £5,650
06 (56) **KIA PICANTO 1.1 ZAPP,** Diamond Blue ..... DUE IN
06 (56) **PEUGEOT 207 SE 16v** 5-dr. Silver Grey 9,000 miles £5,650
06 (06) **KIA PICANTO 1.1 LX,** Red Low, Mileage £1,850
04 (04) **AUDI A3 2.0 FSi SPORT** Red £5,850

4x4 Selection

14 (14) **SKODA YETI OUTDOOR 2.0 TDI SE,** Black ..... DUE IN
10 (60) **LANDROVER FREELANDER 2 TD4 GS,** Grey, ... £12,850
09 (59) **VW TIGUAN 2.0 TDI SPORT 4X4** £8,950
09 (59) **LAND ROVER FREELANDER 2.2 TD4 E GS,** Rimini Red ..... DUE IN
08 (58) **TOYOTA RAV 4 D-4D XTR,** SILVER ..... DUE IN
07 (07) **SUZUKI JIMNY 1.3 JLX PLUS,** BLACK/GREY ..... DUE IN
07 (07) **SUZUKI JIMNY 1.3 JLX PLUS,** BLUE £5,450
03 (03) **LAND ROVER FREELANDER 2.0 TD4 SERENGETI.** Green £3,850

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11 (11) **VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 SE** Automatic, 3dr, Blue £6,850

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Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League

First Teams

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Knowle & D	21	15	2	3	0	1	369
Shrewsbury	21	15	1	5	0	0	349
Berkswell	21	11	4	3	0	3	333
Ombersley	21	12	2	5	0	2	301
Barnt Green	21	10	2	7	0	2	260
WB Dartmouth	21	9	2	9	0	1	257
Dorridge	21	8	2	10	0	1	241
Wolverhampton	21	5	6	8	0	2	221
Kenilworth W	21	5	4	9	0	3	191
Walsall	21	5	1	13	0	2	158
Kidderminster	21	2	2	15	0	2	143
Brockhampton	21	3	2	13	0	3	117

Division One

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Smethwick	21	12	3	3	1	2	328
Moseley	21	11	1	7	0	2	302
Himley	21	12	3	5	0	1	296
Bromsgrove	21	9	4	5	0	3	274
Bridgnorth	21	9	1	9	0	2	264
Tamworth	21	9	1	9	0	2	263
Barnards Green	21	9	2	8	1	1	262
Shifnal	21	8	2	10	0	1	235
Leamington	21	6	4	9	1	1	221
Wellington	21	5	3	11	1	1	207
Attock	21	4	4	12	0	1	191
Walmley	21	5	2	11	0	3	186

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Oswestry	21	13	1	4	0	3	317
Halesowen	21	13	1	6	0	1	310
Pershore	21	9	5	5	0	2	297
C & R Hawks	21	9	3	6	0	3	284
Fordhouses	21	13	1	7	0	0	281
Harborne	21	7	4	8	0	2	232
Penkridge	21	7	1	11	0	2	215
Coventry & NW	21	7	5	6	0	3	212
Sutton Coldfield	21	4	3	9	1	4	207
Wombourne	21	6	2	10	0	3	204
Old E'bethans	21	4	1	13	1	2	181
Old Hill	21	4	3	11	0	3	147

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Astwood Bank	21	13	0	5	0	3	317
Streetly	21	12	0	7	0	2	310
Lichfield	21	12	1	6	1	1	298
Milford Hall	21	12	0	9	0	0	293
Handsworth	21	10	2	6	1	2	271
Newport	21	10	3	6	0	2	262
Stratford-u-Avon	21	9	1	9	1	1	260
Stourbridge	21	7	4	8	1	1	256
Brewood	21	8	2	11	0	0	234
Sentinel	21	7	1	12	0	1	227
Worcs Nomads	21	5	1	14	0	1	175
Nuneaton	21	2	3	14	0	2	131

Second Teams

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Wolverhampton	20	15	1	1	0	3	360
Knowle & D	21	13	2	3	0	3	321
Kenilworth W	21	11	4	4	0	2	317
Walmley	21	10	1	7	0	3	281
Shifnal	21	8	5	6	1	1	267
Moseley	20	9	3	7	0	1	257
Harborne	21	8	2	8	0	3	244
Leamington	21	7	2	9	0	3	214
Himley	21	4	5	9	1	2	203
Astwood Bank	21	4	1	15	0	1	165
Brockhampton	21	4	4	13	0	0	161
Halesowen	21	3	2	14	0	2	147

Division One

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Attock	21	13	4	2	0	2	364
Tamworth	21	9	2	8	0	2	287
Barnt Green	21	11	1	6	0	3	279
Bromsgrove	21	9	2	7	0	3	267
Ombersley	21	8	5	6	0	2	264
WB Dartmouth	21	10	2	8	0	1	260
Walsall	21	8	2	8	0	3	246
Coventry & NW	21	8	1	10	0	2	243
Berkswell	21	7	3	9	0	2	226
Old E'bethans	21	5	4	9	0	3	197
Smethwick	21	5	1	13	0	2	176
Kidderminster	21	4	3	11	0	3	168

Division Two North

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Shrewsbury	21	17	3	1	0	0	400
Penkridge	21	11	4	5	1	0	330
Fordhouses	21	11	6	4	0	0	315
Brewood	21	11	4	6	0	0	302
Milford Hall	21	9	4	7	1	0	268
Bridgnorth	21	9	3	9	0	0	267
Wellington	21	6	7	5	2	1	262
Newport	21	8	0	13	0	0	218
C & R Hawks	21	6	2	11	0	2	209
Oswestry	21	4	3	12	2	0	191
Sentinel	21	3	6	12	0	0	176
Lichfield	21	3	4	13	0	1	167

Division Two South

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Wombourne	21	14	1	3	0	3	346
Pershore	21	14	2	5	0	0	340
Stratford-u-Avon	21	14	1	4	0	2	339
Nuneaton	21	12	1	6	0	2	290
Handsworth	21	11	1	7	0	1	280
Dorridge	21	8	1	9	0	3	252
Streetly	21	9	1	10	0	1	243
Old Hill	21	8	1	11	0	1	230
Sutton Coldfield	21	6	2	10	0	3	193
Worcs Nomads	21	6	0	14	0	1	193
Stourbridge	21	4	2	12	0	3	174
Barnards Green	21	3	1	17	0	0	136

Shropshire County Cricket League

Premier

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Whitchurch	20	13	2	4	1	347
Ludlow	20	12	4	3	1	330
Worfield	20	12	2	4	2	317
Quatt	20	13	1	5	1	310
Wem	20	13	0	6	1	300
Broseley	20	11	1	7	1	280
Newtown	20	8	0	11	1	226
St Georges	20	6	3	9	2	205
Frankton	20	6	2	11	1	185
Madeley	20	5	2	11	2	183
Market Drayton	20	4	0	14	2	119
Albrighton	20	0	1	18	1	72

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Bomere Heath	20	17	2	0	1	405
Cound	20	11	2	5	2	334
Knockin & K	20	10	2	6	2	286
Shelton	20	9	1	8	2	270
Wroxeter Grove	20	8	3	7	2	264
Alberbury	20	6	3	9	2	239
Condover	20	9	2	8	1	237
Welshpool	20	8	3	7	3	236
Beacon	20	7	0	10	3	231
Montgomery	20	5	1	11	3	195
Forton	20	5	1	12	2	189
Lilleshall	20	3	1	15	1	151

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Pontesbury	20	17	1	2	0	404
Allscott	20	16	1	2	1	384
Church Aston	20	10	3	7	0	265
Shifnal	20	10	2	7	1	262
Ellesmere	20	10	1	7	2	257
Wheaton Aston	20	7	3	8	2	248
Willey	20	9	1	9	1	244
Bishops Castle	20	7	2	9	2	214
Wellington	20	4	4	12	0	206
Shrewsbury	20	6	1	11	2	194
Prees	20	5	2	12	1	164
Church Stretton	20	2	1	17	0	116

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Ludlow	20	11	2	5	2	319
Harpers	20	13	1	5	1	316
Hodnet, P&T	20	11	3	5	1	305
Chelmarsh	20	9	4	6	1	280
Iscoyd & FB	20	9	3	6	2	274
Calverhall	20	9	1	8	2	273
Cae Glas	20	11	1	8	0	266
St Georges	20	6	3	11	0	232
Trysull & S'don	20	6	3	10	1	211
Much Wenlock	20	6	2	9	3	205
Acton Reynald	20	4	2	12	2	186
Corvedale	20	3	1	13	3	132

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Overton-on-Dee	18	14	3	1	0	345
Hinstock	18	12	1	3	2	313
Allscott	19	11	2	4	2	293
Bridgnorth	18	13	0	4	1	293
Guilsfield	19	9	1	6	3	241
Coton Hall	18	5	0	10	3	187
Quayside	18	4	1	11	2	164
Llanidloes	18	3	4	9	2	135
Wroxeter Grove	18	5	1	11	1	135
Harcourt	18	5	3	9	1	122
Oswestry	18	1	0	14	3	45

Second Teams

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Worfield	20	16	1	2	1	388
Wem	20	14	1	3	2	329
St Georges	20	10	4	6	0	313
Frankton	20	12	1	5	2	302
Knockin & K	20	6	4	9	1	234
Wroxeter Grove	20	8	1	10	1	233
Alberbury	20	5	3	9	3	209
Quatt	20	6	1	11	2	207
Shelton	20	6	3	10	1	207
Whitchurch	20	6	1	10	3	206
Madeley	20	5	0	12	3	184
Cound	20	5	2	12	1	167

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Wellington	20	14	2	3	1	363
Montgomery	20	13	2	4	1	344
Beacon	20	13	1	5	1	321
Newtown	20	13	2	4	1	291
Broseley	20	12	1	7	0	290
Bomere Heath	20	10	2	6	2	282
Lilleshall	20	10	3	6	1	281
Ludlow	20	7	5	7	1	274
Willey	20	9	2	9	0	248
Shifnal	20	8	6	4	2	246
Pontesbury	20	7	2	9	2	229
Condover	20	6	2	11	1	185
Market Drayton	20	6	2	12	0	158
Albrighton	20	2	1	16	1	107
Forton	20	3	1	16	0	106
Iscoyd & FB	20	1	4	15	0	74

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Acton Reynald	20	12	4	3	1	323
Beacon	20	12	2	6	0	310
St Georges	20	11	2	7	0	291
Ellesmere	20	10	2	7	1	277
Welshpool	20	9	1	7	3	248
Lilleshall	20	8	3	7	2	245
Much Wenlock	20	10	1	7	2	235
Bishops Castle	20	9	0	10	1	214
Allscott	20	7	2	10	1	209
Cae Glas	20	6	1	11	2	203
Quatt	20	6	3	9	2	187
Corvedale	20	1	1	17	1	68

Sunday Division 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Worfield	20	15	2	2	1	370
Knockin & K	20	12	1	3	4	309
Frankton	20	12	3	3	2	293
Wem	20	10	1	8	1	274
Newport	20	8	1	7	4	250
Wellington	20	8	1	7	4	246
Cound	20	7	1	12	0	217
Lilleshall	20	6	1	9	4	211
Sentinel	20	7	0	9	4	198
Alberbury	20	3	3	9	5	159
Whitchurch	19	3	2	13	1	147
Bomere Heath	19	4	0	13	2	126

Sunday Division 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Shrewsbury	18	14	1	2	1	313
Pontesbury	18	11	1	5	1	298
Ludlow	18	11	1	5	1	273
Oswestry	18	9	0	7	2	220
Knockin & K	18	8	0	7	3	220
Madeley	18	8	0	9	1	212
Madeley	18	5	0	10	3	185
Bridgnorth	18	6	0	9	3	175
Wellington	18	3	1	13	1	129
Market Drayton	18	5	0	13	0	96

Market Drayton Bowling

Division 1

	P	W	P
Woore A	210	135	3863
Bridgewater A	200	131	3802
Hodnet A	210	109	3680
District A	200	113	3618
Adderley A	200	107	3581
Hanmer A	200	108	3555
Nantwich Pk Rd A	210	93	3552
Childs Ercall A	200	106	3551
Malpas Spts A	200	108	3542
A W C	200	88	3371
Chester Rd A	200	81	3321
Malpas Fmrs A	200	81	3230
Victoria A	210	60	2991

Division 2

	P	W	P
Ash A	220	148	4141
Prees B	220	130	4091
Audlem A	220	135	4090
Joules M D'ton A	220	119	3954
Wrenbury A	220	117	3854
Con Club	220	112	3840
Bridgewater B	220	113	3813
Cheswardine A	220	106	3725
Audlem B	210	109	3687
Whixall A	220	100	3685
Calverhall A	220	93	3661
Chester Rd B	220	85	3539
Malpas A	220	94	3532
Hanmer B	210	69	3202

Division 3

	P	W	P
Wem A	220	131	3992
Ash B	220	120	3922
Tilstock B	220	120	3885
Malpas Spts B	220	116	3865
Norton In Hales A	220	114	3835
Whixall B	220	102	3768
P/brockhurst	220	116	3767
Prees C	220	106	3743
Adderley B	220	103	3743
Victoria B	220	105	3717
District B	220	103	3695
Cholmondeley A	220	104	3692
Malpas Fmrs B	220	102	3655
Wrenbury B	220	98	3607

Division 4

	P	W	P
Hanmer C	180	138	3440
Nantwich Pk Rd B	180	104	3249
Audlem C	180	94	3209
Woore B	180	92	3100
Hodnet B	180	94	3085
District C	180	89	3066
Wollerton A	180	87	3055
Whixall C	180	83	3039
Tilstock A	180	92	2980
Calverhall B	180	74	2906
Prees E	180	63	2785
Nantwich Pk Rd D	180	70	2763

Division 5

	P	W	P
Johnstown	160	148	3290
Bridgewater C	170	99	3087
Norton In Hales B	170	82	2795
Ash C	170	70	2724
Wollerton B	160	76	2718
Adderley C	160	78	2691
Malpas Fmrs C	160	69	2636
Chester Rd C	160	73	2614
Cholmondeley B	170	66	2559
Wrenbury C	160	69	2466
Cheswardine B	160	70	2465

Division 6

	P	W	P
Prees D	160	102	2952
Wem Albion	160	103	2901
Audlem D	160	100	2871
Chester Rd D	170	88	2857
Malpas B	170	79	2810
Joules M D'ton B	160	93	2797
Childs Ercall B	160	85	2701
Victoria C	170	65	2654
Nantwich Pk Rd C	160	73	2608
Whixall D	160	61	2421
Calverhall C	170	51	2421

English Rugby Clubs

National League 2 North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Tynedale	2	2	0	0	85	33	10
Stourbridge	2	2	0	0	72	46	10
Hinckley	2	2	0	0	76	29	9
Sedgley Park	2	2	0	0	62	21	9
Sth Leicester	2	2	0	0	75	54	9
Macclesfield	2	1	0	1	63	40	6
Luctonians	2	1	0	1	57	61	6
Sale	2	1	0	1	64	34	5
Otley	2	1	0	1	38	56	4
Chester	2	1	0	1	46	74	4
Sheffield Tigers	2	1	0	1	27	56	4
Sheffield	2	0	0	2	49	54	3
Huddersfield	2	0	0	2	39	68	1
Wharfedale	2	0	0	2	29	58	1
Blaydon	2	0	0	2	38	85	1
Leicester Lions	2	0	0	2	28	79	0

Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
N'port, Salop	2	2	0	0	121	24	10
D'caster Pnix	2	2	0	0	109	39	10
P'borough Lns	2	2	0	0	58	43	10
B'ham & S'hull	2	2	0	0	74	23	9
N'bold on Avon	2	1	0	1	74	73	7
Scunthorpe	2	1	0	1	53	53	6
Lichfield	2	1	0	1	49	97	6
Derby	2	1	0	1	51	48	5
Bournville	2	1	0	1	51	71	5
Sandbach	2	1	0	1	46	69	4
Nuneaton	2	0	0	2	53	63	3
Bridgnorth	2	0	0	2	52	56	2
Longton	2	0	0	2	35	86	2
Old Halesonians	2	0	0	2	24	105	0

Midlands 1 West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dudley Kings	2	2	0	0	73	19	10
Rugby Lions	2	2	0	0	70	49	10
Bromsgrove	2	2	0	0	70	54	9
Burton	2	1	0	1	83	33	7
Stoke on Trent	2	1	1	0	41	35	6
Hereford	2	1	1	0	51	50	6
Camp Hill	2	1	0	1	60	39	6
Moseley Oak	2	1	0	1	35	35	5
Worcester	2	1	0	1	51	48	4
Sutton C'field	2	1	0	1	34	50	4
Lutterworth	2	0	0	2	44	53	3
S'bridge Lions	2	0	0	2	37	71	1
Melbourne	2	0	0	2	22	57	0
Wolverhampton	2	0	0	2	12	90	0

Midlands 2 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Crewe & N'wich	1	1	0	0	39	22	5
Spartans Mids	1	1	0	0	26	10	5
Leek	1	1	0	0	29	20	5
Veseyans	1	1	0	0	24	22	5
Whitchurch	1	1	0	0	50	0	4
N'castle, Staffs	1	1	0	0	8	0	4
Kidderminster	1	0	0	1	22	24	1
Old Saltleians	1	0	0	1	0	8	0
Tamworth	1	0	0	1	20	29	0
Ludlow	1	0	0	1	10	26	0
Walsall	1	0	0	1	22	39	0
Cleobury M	1	0	0	1	0	50	0

Midlands 3 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Telford Hornets	1	1	0	0	44	0	5
Harborne	1	1	0	0	28	15	5
Stafford	1	1	0	0	32	22	5
Barton-U-N'wd	1	1	0	0	38	33	5
Cannock	1	1	0	0	23	21	4
Burntwood	1	1	0	0	21	20	4
Willenhall	1	0	0	1	33	38	2
Uttoxeter	1	0	0	1	20	21	1
Trentham	1	0	0	1	21	23	1
Handsworth	1	0	0	1	22	32	0
Shrewsbury	1	0	0	1	15	28	0
Edwardians	1	0	0	1	0	44	0

Midlands 4 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wednesbury	1	1	0	0	71	0	5
Eccleshall	1	1	0	0	41	13	5
Essington	1	1	0	0	30	22	5
Clee Hill	1	1	0	0	24	20	5
Rugeley	1	0	0	1	20	24	1
Five Ways OE	1	0	0	1	22	30	1
Aston OE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yardley & Dist	1	0	0	1	3	15	0
Market Drayton	1	0	0	1	13	41	0
Church Stretton	1	0	0	1	0	71	0
Bloxwich	1	1	0	0	15	3	-1

Midlands 5 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chaddesley C	1	1	0	0	36	12	5
Greyhound	1	1	0	0	32	12	5
Warley	1	1	0	0	22	20	4
Bishops Castle	1	0	0	1	20	22	1
Gnosall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Leonards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Linley	1	0	0	1	12	32	0
Stourport	1	0	0	1	12	36	0

Midlands 5 West South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Aldridge	1	1	0	0	39	17	5
Keresley	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
Atherstone	1	1	0	0	5	3	4
B'ham Exiles	1	1	0	0	17	16	4
Kings Norton	1	0	0	1	16	17	1
Rugby Welsh	1	0	0	1	3	5	1
Copsewood	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Trinity Guild	1	0	0	1	17	39	0

Northern Division South Lancs/Cheshire Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Winnington Pk	2	2	0	0	132	8	10
Port Sunlight	2	2	0	0	116	27	10
Heaton Moor	2	2	0	0	100	23	10
L'pool C'giate	2	2	0	0	72	20	10
Aspull	2	2	0	0	76	20	9
D'bury Toc H	2	1	0	1	70	48	6
Oswestry	2	1	0	1	52	46	6
Wigan	2	1	0	1	42	46	5
Orrell	2	1	0	1	41	65	5
Marple	2	0	0	2	27	41	2
Dukinfield	2	0	0	2	29	58	0
Congleton	2	0	0	2	23	93	0
Oldershaw	2	0	0	2	21	128	0
V'bonds IOM	2	0	0	2	5	183	0

Welsh Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Llandudno FC	4	3	1	0	8	2	10
Cardiff Met Unity	4	3	0	1	9	3	9
Connahs Quay N	4	3	0	1	8	2	9
The New Saints	4	3	0	1	10	5	9
Bangor City	4	3	0	1	8	5	9
Bala	4	2	0	2	5	5	6
Barry United	4	1	1	2	3	3	4
Newtown	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
Prestatyn	4	1	1	2	3	7	4
Cefn Druids	4	1	1	2	3	8	4
Aberystwyth	4	0	1	3	1	7	1
Carmarthen AFC	4	0	0	4	2	11	0

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Airbus Broughton	5	4	0	1	12	8	12
Porthmadog	5	3	1	1	17	7	10
Caernarfon	5	3	1	1	16	8	10
Guilsfield	5	3	1	1	8	5	10
H'head Hotspur	3	3	0	0	7	2	9
Flint United	4	2	2	0	10	6	8
Rhyl	5	1	4	0	13	8	7
Holywell	5	1	3	1	16	15	6
Denbigh	5	2	0	3	10	15	6
Penrhyncoch	4	1	1	2	6	6	4
Ruthin	5	1	1	3	7	9	4
FC Queens Park	5	1	1	3	10	15	4
Caersws	4	1	1	2	7	12	4
Gresford Athletic	5	1	0	4	6	13	3
Ll'dudno Junction	5	0	0	5	4	20	0

Spar Mid Wales League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Llanidloes	7	5	0	2	17	13	15
Welshpool	6	4	1	1	14	8	13
Llanfair United	8	4	1	3	17	15	13
Llanrhaeadr	6	4	0	2	17	7	12
Carno	7	3	2	2	14	10	11
Kerry	4	3	1	0	12	6	10
Bow Street	6	3	1	2	13	8	10
Tywyn Bryncrug	5	3	1	1	11	6	10
Knighton	6	2	1	3	12	13	7
Berriew	5	2	1	2	11	12	7
Radnor Valley	7	2	1	4	14	18	7
Churchstoke	5	2	0	3	6	12	6
Aberaeron	4	1	0	3	6	9	3
Machynlleth	5	1	0	4	6	14	3
Borth Utd	5	1	0	4	3	11	3
Ll'ndod Wells	6	1	0	5	6	17	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dolgellau	4	3	0	1	11	7	9
Hay St Marys	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
Talgarth Town	5	2	1	2	10	6	7
Builth Wells	3	2	1	0	7	3	7
Dyffryn Banw	4	2	0	2	7	7	6
Presteigne St A	5	2	0	3	8	14	6
Montgomery	3	1	1	1	8	5	4
Abermule	2	1	1	0	7	6	4
N'bridge-on-Wye	4	1	1	2	6	7	4
Brecon N'cote	3	1	0	2	5	7	3
Llansantffraid	2	0	2	0	6	6	2
Aberystwyth Uni	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Penybont Utd	4	0	0	4	3	15	0

Shropshire Premier Lege

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newport Res	3	3	0	0	13	4	9
Clee Hill United	3	2	0	1	17	6	6
Prees	2	2	0	0	10	5	6
O'gates Athletic	2	1	1	0	6	3	4
O'gates Rgrs Yth	3	1	0	2	11	10	3
Madeley Sports	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
Shrewsbury Jnrs	2	1	0	1	7	8	3
Gobowen Celtic	3	0	1	2	8	17	1
Shifnal United 97	2	0	0	2	3	11	0
Craven Arms	2	0	0	2	2	13	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coven United	3	2	1	0	14	5	7
St Martins Village	3	2	1	0	10	3	7
Madeley Spts Res	3	2	0	1	5	6	6
Brown Clee	1	1	0	0	8	3	3
Albrighton	3	1	0	2	6	4	3
Stoke Heath	2	1	0	1	6	8	3
Claverley	2	1	0	1	5	9	3
W'dine Wd Jnrs	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Denso	3	0	0	3	5	18	0

J T Hughes Montgomeryshire Amateur League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bishops Castle	4	4	1	0	15	4	13
Four Crosses	4	2	2	0	11	7	8
Waterloo Rovers	5	2	1	2	17	9	7
Trewern Utd	3	2	1	0	8	5	7
Llanfair Res	4	2	0	2	16	12	6
Meifod	3	2	0	1	7	5	6
Guilsfield Res	4	1	2	1	11	11	5
Llanymynech	4	1	1	2	7	11	4
Maesyrhandir	3	1	0	2	9	10	3
Llanfyllin	3	0	0	3	3	8	0
Caersws Res	3	0	0	3	0	22	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Forden Utd	5	5	0	0	28	6	15
Llangedwyn	5	4	0	1	26	11	12
Abermule Res	4	2	1	1	12	10	7
Kerry Res	5	2	1	2	16	20	7
Newtown Wdrs	4	1	2	1	7	12	5
Welshpool Res	3	1	1	1	7	12	4
Churchstoke Res	5	0	4	1	9	15	4
Trefonen	2	2	0	0	6	2	3
Llanrhaeadr Res	4	1	0	3	12	20	3
Carno Res	4	1	0	3	11	12	3
Llanfyllin Res	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Llanfechain	3	0	0	3	5	16	0

Greenhous Shrewsbury & District Sunday

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cruckton Rovers	2	2	0	0	9	0	6
The Gates	2	1	1	0	6	5	4
Telegraph	2	1	0	1	8	6	3
Loppington	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Compasses	2	1	0	1	2	7	3
Radbrook	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Beacon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instones United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kinnerley	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Coton Rovers	2	0	0	2	6	12	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Unison	2	2	0	0	8	5	6
Bomere Heath	2	1	1	0	7	6	4
Snailbeach	1	1	0	0	11	1	3
White Lion	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
Harlescott Rgrs	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
Afc Fountain	2	0	1	1	5	15	1
Norbury	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Red Barne	2	0	0	2	4	6	0
S.A.H.A	1	0	0	1	2	4	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Beeches	2	2	0	0	12	6	6
Dudleston Heath	2	2	0	0	10	5	6
Bull In The Barne	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Dun Cow	2	1	0	1	10	6	3
Onslow	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
Brockton Rovers	2	1	0	1	8	9	3
Charles Darwin	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Minsterley Rgrs	1	0	0	1	4	7	0
Wheatsheaf	2	0	0	2	4	8	0
Heath Farm Rgrs	2	0	0	2	4	12	0

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dorrington	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Boca Seniors	2	1	1	0	7	4	4
Craven Arms	1	1	0	0	8	0	3
Dolphin Afc	1	1	0	0	6	3	3
Crown A F'gate	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Unicorn	2	1	0	1	5	7	3
Rock Rovers	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Old PO Wem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dun Cow Youth	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Compasses BH	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Coracle United	2	0	0	2	0	10	0

Telford Flooring - Telford Sunday Football

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverside	2	1	1	0	6	3	4
Dawley	1	1	0	0	6	2	3
Celtic Spartans	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Whitehorse Ath	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Shifnal Nth End	2	1	0	1	7	6	3
The Talbot	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Joiners Arms	1	0	0	1	2	6	0
Captain Webb	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
Travellers Joy	2	0	0	2	3	9	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bulls Head DBV	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
Britannia	2	1	1	0	6	3	4
Telford Rangers	2	1	1	0	6	5	4
AFC Broseley	1	1	0	0	9	0	3
St Georges	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Black Horse	2	0	1	1	2	11	1
W'dine Wd Wdrs	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Kings Arms MD	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Crown Dawley	2	0	0	2	2	8	0

Tanners Claret Shropshire Bowling League

Shropshire Division 1

	P	W	L	D	P
Ludlow Castle	22	15	6	1	205
Telepost	22	16	6	0	192
Elephant & Castle	22	15	7	0	186
Pontesbury A	22	13	9	0	176
Castlefields	23	14	9	0	176
Prince Hotel A	23	13	10	0	175
Battlefield	22	10	12	0	154
Meole Brace A	23	10	13	0	153
Hanwood	23	11	12	0	146
Whittington	21	9	12	0	138
George	23	9	14	0	135
Ifton	22	8	14	0	127
Abbey A	23	8	14	1	127
POWBC	23	5	18	0	108

Shropshire Division 2

	P	W	L	D	P
Crescent	22	16	6	0	206
OSBC	23	15	8	0	193
Bishops Castle	23	14	9	0	182
Pontesbury B	23	13	10	0	176
Prince Hotel B	23	11	12	0	170
Meole Brace V	23	13	10	0	165
Craven Arms	22	11	11	0	163
Unison	23	11	12	0	152
Bicton A	21	13	8	0	149
Oxon Village	23	9	14	0	135
Greenfields Social	22	9	13	0	135
Frankwell	22	8	14	0	132
Wem BC	23	9	14	0	130
Bayston Hill	23	6	17	0	124

Shropshire Division 3

	P	W	L	D	P
Hadnall	19	15	4	0	185
Burway	19	12	7	0	162
Oxon	19	14	5	0	156
Church Club	18	11	7	0	154
Albert Road BC	19	10	9	0	145
Bagley	19	11	8	0	142
Wem USC	19	10	9	0	134
Severnside St Julians	20	11	9	0	133
Abbey B	18	7	11	0	113
Worthen & Brockton	19	1	18	0	66
Bicton B	19	2	17	0	66

Shrewsbury Division 1

	P	W	L	D	P
Castlefields B	19	16	3	0	162
Pontesbury A	19	16	3	0	154
Prince Hotel A	19	13	6	0	140
Telepost A	19	12	7	0	130
Crescent A	19	12	7	0	128
Hanwood A	19	10	9	0	118
Abbey A	19	8	11	0	102
Meole Brace A	19	6	13	0	91
OSBC B	20	6	14	0	86
Oxon Village	19	3	16	0	84
St Julians	19	3	16	0	65

Shrewsbury Division 2

	P	W	L	D	P
Battlefield A	21	17	4	0	170
Pontesbury B	21	12	9	0	147
Prince Hotel B	21	12	9	0	133
Bicton A	20	12	7	1	132
Unison	21	10	11	0	130
Corbet Arms	21	12	9	0	126
Abbey B	20	12	8	0	123
Meole Brace V	21	10	11	0	119
Albert Road BC	21	7	13	1	118
Battlefield B	21	8	13	0	105
Bayston Hill A	21	7	14	0	101
Greenfields Social A	21	5	16	0	96

Shrewsbury Division 3

	P	W	L	D	P
Monkmoor A	21	15	6	0	152
Bagley A	21	13	8	0	151
POWBC A	21	14	7	0	145
Meole Brace B	21	11	10	0	137
Oxon	21	13	8	0	133
Telepost B	21	12	9	0	131
Frankwell	21	10	11	0	121
Dorrington	21	8	13	0	118
Castlefields C	21	10	11	0	117
Bicton B	21	8	13	0	117
Hanwood B	21	7	14	0	96
Osbc A	21	5	16	0	94

Shrewsbury Division 4

	P	W	L	D	P
POWBC B	21	18	3	0	184
Crescent B	21	20	1	0	179
Greenfields Social B	21	15	6	0	163
Pontesbury C	21	14	7	0	158
Elephant & Castle	21	14	7	0	141
Meole Brace C	21	13	8	0	138
Pontesbury D	21	11	10	0	131
Worthen & Brockton	21	6	15	0	101
Severnside	21	7	14	0	97
Bayston Hill B	21	5	16	0	91
Bagley B	21	3	18	0	67
Monkmoor B	21	0	21	0	62

Oswestry & District Bowling League

Division 1

	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Ceiriog Valley A	20	14	4	2	+390	132
Llangollen A	20	13	7	0	+394	122
Chirk AAA A	20	13	6	1	+247	119
Ruabon A	20	12	7	1	+165	115
Llanymynech A	20	11	9	0	+169	113
Whittington A	20	9	9	2	+47	101
Johnstown A	20	8	11	1	-123	91
Criftins A	20	8	11	1	-150	89
Corwen A	20	7	12	1	-338	74
Flexsys A	20	5	15	0	-408	72
Johnstown B	20	5	14	1	-393	71

Division2

	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Cynwyd A	22	16	5	1	+506	143
Church A	22	13	7	2	+538	141
Llanrhaeadr A	22	12	10	0	+182	126
Criftins B	22	12	10	0	+138	122
Weston Rhyn A	22	13	8	1	+148	120
Ellesmere A	22	12	10	0	+4	110
Ye Olde Crofte A	22	9	13	0	-109	108
Plas Kynaston A	22	10	11	1	-65	105
Church B	22	9	13	0	-188	97
George	22	7	15	0	-277	86
Llangynog A	22	9	13	0	-391	84
Whittington B	22	7	14	1	-486	78

Division 3

	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Criftins C	22	13	8	1	+289	131
Johnstown D	22	14	7	1	+164	131
Ceiriog Valley C	22	14	8	0	+300	128
Black Lion	22	13	9	0	+211	128
Johnstown C	22	11	9	2	+185	118
Fox Lane	22	11	11	0	-30	110
Ceiriog Valley B	22	9	12	1	-12	104
Bersham	22	9	13	0	-24	104
Llangollen B	22	10	10	2	-144	102
Church C	22	7	13	2	-247	91
Chirk AAA B	22	6	13	3	-300	88
Ellesmere B	22	9	13	0	-392	84

Division 4

	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Ruabon B	22	17	5	0	+553	148
Ifton	22	15	6	1	+439	134
Llanymynech B	22	12	9	1	+435	128
Overton B	22	13	6	3	+141	122
Llanrhaeadr C	22	11	9	2	-88	113
Weston Rhyn C	22	9	11	2	+98	112
Cynwyd B	22	12	10	0	-78	107
Llangynog C	22	9	12	1	-229	105
Llanrhaeadr D	22	10	11	1	-138	100
Whittington E	22	8	13	1	-279	94
Llanfyllin A	22	6	15	1	-411	84
Plas Kynaston B	22	2	17	3	-443	73

Division 5

	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Pentre Broughton	22	21	1	0	+1613	195
Criftins E	22	19	3	0	+720	162
Weston Rhyn B	22	13	8	1	-20	115
Johnstown E	22	11	10	1	+38	110
Llanymynech C	22	9	12	1	-97	105
Whittington C	22	11	10	1	-180	105
Corwen B	22	9	11	2	-176	104
Llanrhaeadr B	22	8	12	2	-95	99
Chirk AAA C	22	7	12	3	-229	95
Criftins D	22	8	13	1	-469	87
Ye Olde Crofte B	22	6	15	1	-334	82
Church D	22	3	18	1	-771	61

Division 6

	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Ponciau Park A	20	18	2	0	+1391	171
Cynwyd C	20	17	2	1	+727	146
Ponciau Park B	20	13	7	0	+236	120
Weston Rhyn D	20	11	6	3	+123	108
Whittington D	20	10	8	2	+9	102
Llangynog B	20	8	10	2	-166	90
Chirk D	20	7	11	2	-254	86
Overton C	20	6	13	1	-142	82
Llanfyllin B	20	5	13	2	-411	76
Church E	20	4	15	1	-632	66
Llanrhaeadr E	20	4	16	0	-881	53

Clee Hill & District Domino League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Bell A	19	14	5	84	49	28
Live & Let Live	21	13	8	82	65	26
Hillsiders	20	13	7	79	61	26
Wanderers	20	13	7	78	62	26
Cross	19	12	7	75	58	24
Eagle & Serpent	20	11	9	74	66	22
Fighting Cocks	21	11	10	68	79	22
Three Horseshoes	21	9	12	70	77	18
Swan	21	9	12	68	79	18
Tavern	19	9	10	64	69	18
New Inn	21	7	14	60	87	14
Bell B	19	5	14	54	79	10
Social Club	19	4	15	55	78	8

Hallmark Security Football League

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Silsden	7	7	0	0	15	3	21
W'church Alport	7	5	2	0	18	5	17
L'Ind REMYCA	6	5	1	0	17	4	16
Alsager Twn	7	5	1	1	10	6	16
Sandbach Utd	8	4	1	3	13	10	13
Cheadle Twn	7	4	1	2	12	10	13
Prestwich Heys	7	4	0	3	18	9	12
Bacup Borough	6	3	2	1	8	4	11
Abbey H Utd	6	3	2	1	9	7	11
New Mills	5	3	1	1	14	8	10
Carlisle City	7	3	1	3	11	9	10
Stockport Twn	7	3	1	3	13	15	10
AFC Blackpool	6	3	0	3	10	10	9
Atherton LR	6	2	1	3	5	6	7
Cammell Laird	6	2	1	3	8	13	7
Chadderton	6	1	2	3	11	13	5
Daisy Hill	7	1	2	4	6	9	5
Eccleshall	6	1	1	4	8	15	4
Holker OB	7	1	1	5	7	23	4
Nelson	6	0	1	5	3	12	1
St Helens Twn	5	0	0	5	3	14	0
Oswestry Twn	7	0	0	7	9	23	0

Midland Football League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coleshill Twn	6	6	0	0	16	5	18
Coventry Utd	6	5	1	0	22	7	16
Shepshed Dyn	7	5	0	2	22	8	15
Heanor Twn	7	5	0	2	14	11	15
Lye Twn	7	4	2	1	11	6	14
Coventry Sphinx	7	4	2	1	9	4	14
B'grove Sptg	6	4	1	1	14	7	13
Worcester City	6	4	1	1	13	6	13
Sporting Khalsa	7	2	3	2	13	11	9
AFC Wulfs	6	3	0	3	8	13	9
Highgate Utd	6	2	2	2	7	7	8
Rugby Twn	7	2	2	3	8	9	8
Haughmond	6	2	1	3	8	12	7
Rocester	7	2	1	4	13	18	7
Stourport Swifts	8	2	1	5	12	20	7
S N'manton Ath	7	2	1	4	7	16	7
Westfields	4	2	0	2	9	8	6
Quorn	7	1	1	5	9	18	4
Shawbury Utd	6	1	0	5	8	12	3
Long Eaton Utd	6	0	3	3	8	13	3
Boldmere St M	4	0	1	3	5	13	1
L'borough Unity	7	0	1	6	5	17	1

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Studley	8	6	1	1	16	9	19
Walsall Wood	6	6	0	0	24	4	18
Hinckley AFC	7	5	0	2	22	9	15
Atherstone Twn	7	5	0	2	21	13	15
Chelmsley Twn	8	5	0	3	13	17	15
Coventry C'wd	9	4	0	5	13	15	12
Heath Hayes	7	3	2	2	19	14	11
Ilkeston Twn	7	3	2	2	11	7	11
Lichfield City	6	3	2	1	15	12	11
Bolehall Swifts	8	3	2	3	11	13	11
RC Warwick	7	3	2	2	8	10	11
Leicester Road	6	3	1	2	12	9	10
Heather St J	6	3	0	3	16	16	9
Pershore Twn	7	3	0	4	16	16	9
Stafford Twn	9	3	0	6	15	20	9
Paget Rgrs	6	2	1	3	10	9	7
Brocton	5	2	1	2	9	9	7
Uttoxeter Twn	9	2	1	6	14	23	7
Littleton	7	2	0	5	10	12	6
Nuneaton Griff	8	2	0	6	7	22	6
Coventry Alvis	9	2	0	7	7	26	6
Cadbury Ath	6	1	1	4	6	10	4

West Midlands (Regional) League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'Ton Spt Com	6	6	0	0	30	5	18
Malvern Twn	6	6	0	0	22	8	18
BC Rgrs	8	5	2	1	25	12	17
Cradley Twn	9	5	1	3	15	10	16
Ellesmere Rgrs	6	5	0	1	17	7	15
Wednesfield	9	5	0	4	20	18	15
AFC Bridgnorth	9	4	1	4	18	18	13
Dudley Sports	10	4	1	5	16	26	13
Tividale	5	4	0	1	11	3	12
Bewdley Twn	6	3	2	1	11	6	11
Bilston Tn Com	9	3	2	4	19	20	11
Smethwick	8	3	1	4	16	16	10
W'Ton Casuals	6	3	0	3	24	14	9
Wellington	6	3	0	3	16	15	9
Shifnal Twn	8	3	0	5	16	21	9
Hereford LC	8	2	1	5	11	17	7
Dudley Twn	8	2	1	5	11	21	7
Stone OA	7	2	0	5	11	21	6
Wellington Ams	8	0	2	6	6	31	2
Pegasus Jnrs	8	0	0	8	5	31	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Team Dudley	6	4	1	1	18	9	13
Tipton Twn	5	4	1	0	18	9	13
Allscott	6	4	1	1	17	8	13
Newport Twn	5	4	0	1	22	7	12
Bustleholme	6	3	1	2	22	12	10
Worcs Raiders	5	3	1	1	19	12	10
Darlaston Twn	5	2	3	0	17	14	9
Telford Juniors	6	3	0	3	12	13	9
Old Wulfrunians	5	2	2	1	9	8	8
Wem Twn	5	2	0	3	8	13	6
Gornal Ath	5	1	1	3	10	15	4
Wyrley	5	1	1	3	6	11	4
Bromyard Twn	5	1	1	3	7	13	4
St Martins	4	1	0	3	5	9	3
Kington Twn	6	1	0	5	11	18	3
Willenhall Twn	6	0	1	5	7	35	1
Wrens Nest	1	0	0	1	3	5	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warstone Wdrs	6	6	0	0	38	10	18
Sikh Hunters	6	6	0	0	21	5	18
Gornal Colts	5	4	1	0	17	7	13
W'Ton Utd	5	4	1	0	11	3	13
Wonder Vaults	6	3	1	2	21	10	10
Bewdley Tn Res	4	2	2	0	11	7	8
F C Darlaston	6	2	1	3	10	16	7
AFC Broseley	6	1	3	2	8	12	6
Mkt D Twn Res	6	1	3	2	8	13	6
Rock Rvrs	6	1	3	2	11	17	6
AFC W'bury	5	0	4	1	7	9	4
AFC Bilbrook	6	0	4	2	9	13	4
Church Stretton	5	1	0	4	8	16	3
Ludlow	6	0	3	3	10	21	3
Oldbury Utd	6	0	1	5	10	24	1
AFC B'north Dev	6	0	1	5	9	26	1

Llandrindod Mid Week Bowls League

Division 1

	P	W	L	D	P
Mixed Bag*	14	11	3	0	22
Lakesiders	14	11	3	0	22
Game On	14	10	4	0	20
Insiders	14	10	4	0	20
P O Sports	14	4	10	0	8
Severn Babes	14	4	10	0	8
Landsdown	14	3	10	1	7
Severn Stars	14	2	11	1	5

*Winners After Play Off

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	P
Dominoes	18	12	5	1	25
Ithon Babes	18	12	6	0	24
Wye Knots	18	11	7	0	22
Diff Strokes	18	8	10	0	16
Wanderers	18	7	10	1	15
High School	18	6	11	1	13
Lions Club	18	5	12	1	11

Matthews Jewellers Mid Wales Veteran's League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wyesiders	22	18	0	4	422	296	36
Llandrindod	22	14	2	6	373	289	30
Talgarth	22	15	0	7	393	321	30
Spa	22	12	0	10	342	350	24
Brecon Honddu	22	10	3	9	345	323.5	23
Hay Bluff	22	10	3	9	315	349	23
Presteigne	22	9	2	11	342	352	20
Hay	22	9	2	11	340	353	20
Undertakers	22	7	4	11	347	361	18
Spartans	22	8	1	13	322.5	356	17
Builth	22	5	3	14	260	360	13
Brecon Beacons	22	4	2	16	294	385	10

Llanfair up to third spot after netting super victory

LLANFAIR United made up ground on the Spar Mid Wales League division one league leaders with a 4-1 beating of visitors Machynlleth.

While several of their rivals were involved in the Welsh Cup, Llanfair took advantage to record their fourth win of the campaign.

Ben Jones led the way with a brace, while Toby Evans and Josh Astley also found the net to help lift their side up to third in the table.

After a goalless first half, Llanfair went ahead when Jones fired home from a Paul Griffiths assist, and a through ball by Phil Hughes set up Evans to double the lead.

Mach pulled one back with a free kick, but United secured the spoils with an Astley free kick before Jones notched his second to complete the win, with Griffiths again the provider.

It was also a good day for Churchstoke won 2-1 away at Tywyn Bryncrug in the only other first division action

In division two, **MONTGOMERY** boosted their fortunes courtesy of their first victory of the season with a 5-1 verdict at Penybont to move up to mid-table.

DYFFRYN BANW prevailed 2-1 away to Talgarth Town, their second win of the campaign, while Newbridge were 4-1 winners against Dolgellau, and Builth Wells won by the same score against Presteigne.

Hat-trick

Llanidloes Town Reserves are the early leaders after reeling off a fourth straight win. The Daffs triumphed 2-1 at Presteigne Reserves with goals from Rhys Evans and Ash Harries after the hosts had taken a second half lead.

Newcastle made it three wins in a row with Jimmy Thomas, Tom Bright and Jack Kennett securing a 3-1 victory over Builth Wells Reserves who replied through Dave Thomas.

Ricky Lynes was a hat-trick man and Nathan Heighway scored twice as Hay St Marys Reserves won 5-2 at new boys, Felindre whose Bertie Jones netted both the home goals.

St Harmon have strengthened in the summer and were 4-2 winners at Llandrindod Wells Reserves thanks to Paul Savage, Phil Ruell, Josh Rees and Owen Hughes. Stephen Fuller and Scott Oxford were the Llandrindod goalscorers.

Elsewhere Brecon Northcote Reserves and Knighton Town Reserves were locked together in a 3-3 draw with Adam Tester, Curtis Williams and Luke Bowen netting for Northcote and Billy Hyett (2) and Sam Hoyle for Knighton.

Good Evans! Dan breaks Paragon best

DAN Evans, the 2014 national hill climb champion, smashed his own course record in the Oswestry Paragon event which was also round three of The Coaching Revolutions Hill Climb series.

Evans reduced his five minute 44.50 second benchmark - also set in 2014 on the way to that national championship - with an almost unbelievable effort of 5:35.63, some 28 seconds ahead of Kirk Vickers to underline the quality of this ride on the tough Oswestry Paragon Mount Road climb.

This 1.65 mile course climbing towards The Old Racecourse has a sting in the tail, but was no match for Evans, who revealed a liking for the climb.

"The Oswestry Paragon hill climb has turned into a bit of a start of season ritual for me, so it's nice to begin with a course record and bodes well," he said.

Vickers was full of praise for Evans' ride, taking second thanks to his 6:04.10 effort, with another strong competitor, Ryan Morley just two seconds off his pace in 6:06.16.

Vickers knew he was in for a race from the start, which pushed his competitive streak even harder.

"It was a tough competition. I paced it well, a new personal best for me. Well done Dan Evans, untouchable," added Morley.

"I was pretty chuffed with the result. I'd never call myself a hill climber, but the nature of the climb suited me better than some other climbs. It was a long effort and I was really hurting by the top. A great event, with loads of spectators giving a good atmosphere at the top."

Hill climbs suit the young and the lightweight, one rider making a name for himself is Tyler Brennan, who not only took third place with a fine 6:22.16, just seeing off a punchy exertion from Vickers' Rhino Velo team mate David Scott by two seconds.

Retaining the Paragon hill climb trophy he has made his own since 2011, Rob Kerr just missed out on a sub seven-minute ride taking eighth place in 7:01.06 with Neil Coles who was again the runner-up in 7:19.53.

Paul Williams was third Paragon rider in 07:34.23, whileJack Young knocked a huge chunk off last year's time to be fastest Paragon junior in 08:45.64

In the Ladies Championship, it was Evans' wife Jess who posted the winning time of 7:11.28, bizarrely tying with junior runner-up Sam Holwill for an impressive ninth place overall.

Town see Vase hopes shattered in 5-0 defeat

FC Oswestry Town suffered more pain as they bowed out of the Buildbase FA Vase with a 5-0 exit at Wolverhampton Community.

After seven straight defeats in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one, Town were hoping a different competition would bring a change of fortune.

Despite going a goal down to Tom Hill on 10 minutes, they more than matched their hosts in the opening exchanges, and had their chances before the break.

But missed opportunities returned to haunt them as the home side notched four more goals in the second period to run out 5-0 winners.

Meanwhile, FC Oswestry's tough start in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one had continued a few days before when they slipped to a seventh straight defeat when beaten 2-0 at home by Sandbach United.

Josh Lane scored twice in each half, with his second coming in the last minute, to leave Town rooted to the foot of the table.

Town face a crunch clash with basement rivals St Helens Town at Park Hall on Saturday (3pm), a game they need to win.

Despite still looking for a first win, Town chairman Ian Jones stresses the club will not panic, saying that joint-managers Richard Cooke-Williams and Ryan Butcher deserve time and the squad is capable of better.

"We are not going to panic over the poor start just yet," he said. "We feel they have the squad, but it is all about getting everyone there each and every game.

"We have had chances in certain games to gain points."

Guils high-fliers get their wings clipped

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

GUILSFIELD'S unbeaten start to the season was halted as they slumped 3-0 away to fellow Huws Gray Cymru Alliance pacesetters Airbus UK who underlined their attacking credentials at the Hollingsworth Group Stadium.

The Guils made the trip in good heart after three wins and a draw from their first four league outings had taken them top of the table.

But they were grounded by the Wingmakers who opened up a three-goal lead by half time courtesy of a brace from Dutch forward Alfons Fosu-Mensah, either side of a strike from John Davies.

Fosu-Mensah took his season's goal tally to five to leave Airbus flying high, replacing their visitors in pole position in the process.

Although the Wingnamers had a strong end-to-end wind at their backs in the first half, it was the visitors who had the best of the early chances with Louis Irvine having a golden opportunity to break the deadlock

A touch of magic from Fosu-Mensah broke the deadlock in the 26th minute as the frontman ran foward before turning to fire a superb shot between two defenders and into the far corner.

The lead was doubled in sloppy fashion on 39 minutes when Davies rose highest to meet a Baynes corner and back-head past Andy Wycherley in the Guilsfield goal.

Three minutes later the visitors were again caught napping as Fosu-Mensah headed home from another Baynes flag kick.

The Dutchman went close to a hat-trick on the stroke of half time with a hooked shot that hit the ground before bouncing over the bar.

The Guils had chances after the break, Irvine again denied with home stopper Andy Coughlin again in fine form between the sticks, and it was Airbus who carried the greater threat.

Davies headed over from a Baynes free-kick and sub Luke Busumbru made an immediate impact, laying the ball off for Fosu-Mensah to test Wycherley.

Jones hit an 18-yarder just over the crossbar and Fosu-Mensah was in the thick of the action again, firing into the side netting as Airbus ran out comfortable victors.

Caersws, meanwhile, paid the price for a poor first half, that saw them trail 4-0, as they slumped 5-2 at home to Porthmadog, sub Phil Jones pulling two back in the second period.

Saints make history in FA Vase

Saints face the camera (back from left): J Durman (c), K Barry, D Easthope, J Parker, J Stoker, D Hartshorn; (front): T Ash, J Gerrard, R Mowanda, G Austin, C Bennett, and D Brown (not pictured). Manager Craig and physio Andy made up the playing squad

ST MARTINS made history with their first ever appearance in the Buildbase FA Vase - but the day was to end in disappointment with a 3-1 exit at Ashby Ivanhoe.

Tom Ash had given the villagers the lead, but the Leicestershire hosts hit back to book their place in the second round of the national club tournament.

The Saints started strongly, with the main threat down the right coming through Kieran Barry who delivered an early opportunity for Ash who glanced his header just wide of the post.

But the pressure was rewarded on five minutes when a loose back pass from the Ashby full-back was pounced on by Ash who calmly slotted home under the keeper.

Halfway through the first half saw the start of St Martins' demise when Barry limped off with a knee injury, and an unfortunate slip by keeper George Austin left a simple side foot in to an empty net for the hosts.

Despite the setback, St Maritns rallied as they dominated play in the last 10 minutes of the first half, going close a number of occasions with the best effort being a overhead effort by Callum Bennet that dropped just over the crossbar.

The second half started under a deluge from the heavens and it was the hosts who made the early running on the slippery pitch.

A dubious penalty gave them a 2-1 lead, before the advantage was increased further with a neat finish after a cross to the far post evaded everyone.

Despite their endeavours, the Saints could find no way back, but could take consolation from putting in a great performance in their first ever FA Vase fixture.

The match will be one of the main topics of conversation at the club's annual reunion at the St Martins Institute on Saturday, September 30 at 7pm.

The Saints return to duty in the West Midlands League division one when they head to basement side Willenhall Town for yet another away game on Saturday.

Llanrhaeadr off to flier in fine cup win

KHYAM Wyton scored twice as Llanrhaeadr beat Kerry 3-1 in the second qualifying round to keep their flag flying in the JD Welsh Cup.

Llan were quickly out of the blocks, taking the lead inside the first three minutes when Marc Griffiths crossed for Wyton to find the net.

Kerry rallied, but found themselves two goals down eight minutes before half-time in freakish fashion when Dale Evans went in for a block tackle close to half way, and the ball flew into the visitors' net.

Kerry revived their hopes on 57 minutes through a 35-yard free kick from Luke Mumford, but there was no way back when Wyton notched his second the game from Alex Hall's through ball on 75 minutes.

WELSHPOOL suffered a disappointing exit when edged out 4-3 at home by Aberaeron despite a hat-trick from Ian Probert.

Karl Seliaerts fired a hat-trick as **BERRIEW** brushed aside Llansantffraid Village 7-0, with Dewi Hughes (2), George Davies and Dave Roberts also on target.

Gwilt nets a hat-trick in Rovers romp

ANDREW Gwilt fired a hat-trick as defending champions Waterloo Rovers roared up to third in the Montgomeryshire League division one with a 9-0 rout of Caersws reserves.

Tom Ellis and Rob Jones both scored twice, with Chris Proctor and Nick Roberts completing the tally.

Looking good are Four Crosses who are up to second after their 4-1 victory away at Meifod.

Bishop's Castle are setting the pace following their 4-1 home success against Llanymynech, whose Grant Jones had the visitors level at half time before fading.

Llanfair United reserves succumbed 6-4 at Guilsfield reserves, their replies coming with a brace apiece from Ashley Davies and Barrie Jon Lloyd.

Results – Division one: Bishop's Castle 4 Llanymynech 1, Guilsfield Res 6 Llanfair Res 4, Llanfylin Town 2 Trewern 3, Meifod 1 Four Crosses 4, Waterloo Rovers 9 Caersws Res 0. **Division two:** Kerry Res 2 Churchstoke Res 2, Llanfechain 3 Welshpool Res 5, Llangedwyn 2 Forden Utd 7, Newtown Wanderers 4 Carno Res 1, Trefonen 2 Llanrhaeadr Res 2.

Four-star New Saints march up table

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints made it three wins on the bounce in the JD Welsh Premier with a comfortable 4-0 victory over close rivals Cefn Druids to lift themselves up to fourth in the table.

The Saints are now one of three teams on nine points in second spot, just one point behind early leaders Llandudno.

Jamie Mullan's second goal of the season, slotted in after just five minutes, gave TNS the perfect start at a drizzly Park Hall.

Dominating possession, the defending champions could have added to their lead before the break, but Druids keeper Michael Jones pulled off a couple of excellent saves to ensure his side stayed in the hunt.

But the Ancients, who have had little joy at Park Hall in the past, rarely suggested they could find a way through the well marshalled hosts.

The bulk of the chances were coming at the other end with Greg Draper, starting his first league game of the season, in the thick of the action.

The New Zealand forward put a header just wide in the ninth minute, then saw an effort cleared off the line three minutes later as the hosts threatened.

Another opening came on 27 minutes when Draper rounded Jones only to see the ball run out for a goal kick and forced the Druids keeper into another smart save just before half time.

The Saints continued to take the game to the Druids after the break with good work down the left from Callum Roberts finding Chris Seargeant who was thwarted by the impressive Jones.

The keeper, however, was unable to prevent the second goal as Mullan weaved his way down the right, before finding Draper who made no mistake for his first goal of the campaign.

It was effectively game over 10 minutes later when substitute Adrian Cieslewicz was brought down in the box and Seargeant stepped up to slot past Jones.

On as a substitute for Draper, Alex Darlington appeared to have scored with his first touch when heading in, but his effort was ruled out for an infringement.

The Saints, however, were not to be denied a fourth goal when, three minutes from time, Simon Spender broke into the box on the right before crashing his shot into the net.

Boss Scott Ruscoe was happy with his side's efforts, although he felt there is still room for improvement.

"In the first half I didn't think we moved the ball fast enough, they banked up and frustrated us," he said. "But we played very well in the second half, and passed the ball a lot quicker.

"After conceding five goals in our first league game, we have now kept three clean sheets which is pleasing, and if you don't concede then you are half way there.

"It was good to score four goals, all different scorers. It could have been more, but we're happy with that and now move on. We're doing okay, but we're still not at our peak.

"We still have two key players injured, and we rested two others, which shows our strength in depth. Everyone's looking fit and hungry which bodes well for the season."

Newtown are Kayne-d as run is ended

BARRY Town halted Newtown's revival as they ran out 2-0 winners at Jenner Park to record their first win since returning to the JD Welsh Premier.

The Mid Wales visitors were looking to make it four games unbeaten, but struggled to fire on a disappointing afternoon in south Wales.

Two goals from Kayne McLaggon settled the issue in the first meeting between the sides for 13 years.

The former Southampton forward fired Barry in front on seven minutes when he ran through after the Robins had conceded possession.

Chances were at a minimum for Newtown, and there was no way back once McLaggon bundled home a corner 10 minutes from time.

The latest returns from Shropshire golf clubs

HENLLE PARK

Bank Holiday 234 Comp: Andy Patterson, Reg Collins, Gary Owen & R Jones 109pts; Mike Aubrey, Chris Bub Jones, Rob Lawlor & Steve Meredith 107pts; Derek Graham, Dean Graham, Scott Graham & Paul Eaton 106 pts.

Dave Salters 9 Hole Comp: Corey Morris 23pts; Cass Bothwell 21pts; Alun Jones 19pts (cb).

Seniors' Stableford: Gordon Cummings 38pts (cb); Andy Hardy 38pts; Clive Vernall 37pts.

LLANYMYNECH

Midweek League (9 Hole Stableford): Harry Barbour 22pts; Don Bradley 21; Jason Bailey 21; Martin Owen 21; Jack Bottomley 20; Jonathan Cleaton 20; Jeremy Dell 20; Chris Allen 19; Keith Davies 19.

Open AM AM: Ian Tomkewcyz, John Evans, Laurence Cook, Phil Anderson (all Llanymynech) 88pts; Barry Hall (Llanymynech), Paul Carnall (Maxstoke), Jon Hill & Andy Pringis (Beau Desert) 87pts; Steve Hammond, Jon Wilson, David Hughes (all from Rugby) and David Calvert (Moor Hall) 86pts (on count back).

Wilson Cup: Tom King 65-2=63; Carl Woosnam 82-15=67; 'Wilf' Williams 71-4=67; Martin Owen 89- 22=67; Sam Roberts 68-0=68; Pete Ord 82-13=69; Chris O'Neill 78-9=69.

Norman Radford Tankard (4BBB): Ian Rodger & Dave Hughes 63; Stuart Jones & Mike Shakeshaft 65; Jason Bailey & Colin Jones 66.

Parker Leighton Mixed Greensomes: Allen Lewis & Sue Kime 69.2; Nik Roberts & Chris Wilkinson 69.8; Steve Pritchard & Bev Cadwallader 70.

Ladies' August Medal Division 1 Winner: Chris Wilkinson 89-20=69. Runner Up: Sue Bonsall 94-20=74; Division 2 Winner: Joan Brice 102-29=73. Runner Up: Anne Evans 102-26=76; Division 3 Winner: Annie Prince 111-35=76. Runner Up: Janice Stanistreet 114-30=84.

OSWESTRY

Jackson Bowl: Daniel Potts 74-10=64; Keith Miller 73-7=66; Chris Male 73-5=68 (cb); Thomas Matthews 68-0=68; Stuart Owen 84-15=69 (cb); Paul Pardoe 73-4=69 (cb).

J H Owen Cup: Harri Matthews 76-16=60; Patrick Evans 87-19=68; Mark Pardoe 85-16=69 (cb); John Delaney 86-17=69; Stephen Pearce 87-16=71; George MacKenzie 91-19=72.

Autumn Scratch: Tom Matthews 68.

Autumn Mixed Greensomes: Ian Pearce & Victoria Bradbeer 41pts; (also winners of Hospital Cup); Frank Mottram & Dorothy Mottram 39pts; Simon Pound & Viki Pound 38pts (cb); Tim Devine & Eleanor Devine 38pts (cb); Barry Stamps & Elizabeth Stamps 38pts.

THE BROW

September Monthly Medal Winner: Paul Shore 78-15=63. Best Gross: Peter Barker 82. Division 1: Brian Stuttard 85-13=72; Division 2: Keith Abbott 84-21=63.

Glas pay tribute to former skipper

THERE was a tense finish as CAE GLAS held on for a draw in a gripping encounter with Hodnet, Peplow & Tibberton in the Henshalls Shropshire League division three

A drying wicket following earlier ran made scoring runs difficult, but both sides played their part in this cracking 36 overs a side game, with the Glas surviving on 104-9 at the close in response to promotion chasing Hodnet's 156-8 declared.

Prior to the game, both sets of sides paid their respects and observed a minute's silence following the sad loss of Mike Robinson, a former skipper of the club who had passed away 48 hours earlier.

Put in to bat, Hodnet were restricted to 156-8 in 34 overs. Cae Glas started positively in reply with openers Andy Griffiths and Ian Holgate keeping the scoreboard ticking over.

However, three wickets fell for just seven runs to put the advantage back with the visitors, who as a result tightened their grip on the game.

Ben Hipkiss and Bobby Phillips then steadied matters with Hipkiss eventually top scoring with 21.

Gary Davies also chipped in with 19 to frustrate the visitors, and, although Cae Glas lost their ninth wicket in the last over of the match, the experienced Nick Broadbent, with virtually every fielder close-in around him, held out for the final four balls to ensure Cae Glas recorded their first draw of the season.

They finished on 104-9, with the pick of the Hodnet bowlers being Matt Watkins who returned figures of 3-26. On Saturday, Cae Glas go on their travels to play their final away match of the season at Ludlow.

CAE GLAS II conceded their clash at Beacon in the 2nd XI League division three as they could not raise a side, while in the same division, Welshpool II's clash at Bishop's Castle was off without a ball bowled due to a wet outfield following rain. **GUILSFIELD'S** trip to Allscott was off in division four.

Promoted Church A are pipped in title race

CHURCH A had to settle for runners-up spot in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division two following the final round of fixtures.

Having clinched promotion back to division one the previous week, Church still had a chance of landing the title, and gave themselves a chance with a 7-3 (154-124) home win against Plas Kynaston A.

But leaders Cynwyd A ensured they remained in pole position to win the division by two points after matching that scoreline away to Llangynog A.

Steve Williams finished a terrific season at the top of the division's averages with a 21-18 card - his 19th victory in 21 appearances.

Steve Turner (21-6) was the biggest winner of the night, and Ron Crooke (21-8) also prevailed to single figures.

Fifth in the averages was Steve Jones with 16 wins from 18 outings for third placed **LLANRHAEADR A** who ended their season with a 7-4 (146-130) loss away to **ELLESMERE A.** Michael Dovaston (21-7) led the way for the Meresiders.

WESTON RHYN A were fourth, missing out on an instant return to division one, but did end with a narrow win when overcoming visitors **GEORGE** 6-4, taking the shots by just four (135-131).

Andrew Riley was again in winning form with a 21-10 card, taking his tally to 16 victories from 18 outings to occupy fourth in the averages.

Derek Taylor (21-7) was the best of the night for Rhyn when winning to seven, while Frank Buckley (21-10) was the pick of the replies.

CHURCH B succumbed 7-3 (135-118) away to **YE OLDE CROFTE** whose Bryan Parry proved too hot to handle by winning 21-1 for his 17th success of the campaign to lie third in the averages. Dave Milner (21-5) was in-form for the visitors.

WHITTINGTON B, propping up the table and heading for division three, ended with a 9-1 (167-105) reverse at **CRIFTINS B** for whom Ian Miner and Dave Poole won to six and seven respectively. Peter Williams (21-20) bagged a consolation for Whittington.

Welshpool beaten at local rivals COBRA

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

WELSHPOOL'S tough start to the season in rugby's Welsh National League division two (north) continued as they slumped 59-7 away to local rivals COBRA,

Having moved up a level this season, Pool were given a tough baptism when slumping 78-0 to Denbigh at Maesydre in their opener the week before.

And they were again up against it when tackling a COBRA side who are looking to bounce back after dropping out of division one last term.

Welshpool, with key players still missing, started well enough as they matched their Meifod hosts, but began to tire as the half wore on.

COBRA's forwards then started to call the tunes, looking sharper at the breakdown as they exploited the increasing space to cross for nine tries, seven of which were converted by Will Worthington.

Hooker Steve Isaac got the first touchdown on the quarter of an hour mark, breaking over from close range, Worthington converting.

But Welshpool were immediately back on terms when Harry Davies touched down following good work by Rhys Williams who had followed up a diagonal kick.

That was good as it got, however, for the visitors as COBRA restored their lead with another try from short distance through second row Lloyd Bright.

Flanker Aled Humphreys went over for a thirdr score, and Isaac got his second try right on half time for a 26-7 interval lead.

Early intensity

After the break, fullback Richard Jones pounced on a loose kick and broke through several tackles before scoring under the posts, with Worthington again supplying the extras.

With Welshpool losing their early intensity, COBRA scrum half Bryn Davies dummied his way over the line for the next score, and a break down the left saw Jones unselfishly pass inside to Worthington to dot down.

A fine team try saw replacement wing Matt Jones go over in the corner, before prop Bryn Edwards set up Worthington to score his second try of the game to complete the scoring

COBRA are now in WRU Bowl action on Saturday when they head to Menai Bridge in the first round, before returning to league duty the following week with a visit to Llangollen who were hammered 98-6 by Denbigh last Saturday.

Welshpool are also involved in the WRU Bowl on Saturday when they host Powys rivals Llanidloes who ran out 29-22 winners at Newtown in the second division (north) last weekend.

Despite some lack of discipline, that saw three yellow cards, Llani prevailed with tries from fly half Dafydd Duggan and centre and captain Paul Jehu, while fly half Rob Cooper kicked 19 points.

Eagles edged out in home opener

Just over – Oswestry's Luca Owen-Youens scores the final try at Granville Park. ■ *Pic: Martin Ord.*

OSWESTRY'S first home appearance of the season at Granville Park ended on a disappointing note as they slipped to a 22-16 defeat against Heaton Moor in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two.

The Eagles had made a fine start to the campaign with a 36-24 win away to Dukinfield, but were grounded by their visitors from Stockport who themselves arrived on a high following their 74-5 romp against Oldershaw.

Heaton Moor were soon on the front foot, earning a pushover try following a line-out that went unconverted, before the home side pulled back a penalty from the dependable Fin Grogan.

But Oswestry were struggling to get past the gain line against their disciplined visitors whose pack set up a second try, this time converted for a 12-3 lead.

The hosts began to improve after a slow start, with driving runs from the pack and man of the match front row Connor Blair punching holes in the Heaton Moor defence.

Scrum half Nick Clay was trying to get his backs on the move, but the Cheshire opponents were holding firm.

Grogan added another penalty, but the visitors powered forward again, with their centre breaking through for another try to carve a 17-6 interval lead.

The Eagles upped the ante after the break, looking forceful and showing the form that brought them an opening day win.

Despite their changes, it was the visitors who increased their margin against the run of play with a fourth try, again unconverted.

Undaunted, the Eagles began to play their accustomed flowing and attacking rugby with the pack now battering the Moor defence.

Luca Owen-Youens launched some powerful runs, linking up again with Tom H Jones who skinned the defence to score his side's first try, but the conversion was missed in the strong wind.

Oswestry were now on the rampage, unsettling their visitors, with Marco Bercich, the club's new Italian centre, enjoying the flowing rugby he had come over to play.

Owen-Youens was now punching massive holes in the HM defence, with the forwards driving forward as a second try arrived.

A deft pass from Grogan found Luca Owen-Youens who saw the gap and dived over the line despite rival players hanging on to him.

Oswestry continued to push, but their second half efforts were to no avail with Heaton Moor relieved to hear the final whistle.

The Eagles can take heart from their stirring half display as they look to bounce back away to Didsbury Toc H in Manchester on Saturday.

OSWESTRY II slipped to their second loss in the Freshnet North West League division four (south) when downed 32-5 away to Macclesfield IV. They are home to Lymm IV on Saturday.

Seconds are shot out for just 49 runs

IT was a disappointing day for Oswestry's second string who were skittled for just 49 on their way to a 139-run loss to Fordhouses II in the Birmingham 2nd XI League division two (N).

Put in to bat, Fordhouses made 188-7 in a game reduced to 40 overs a side due to the rain with Aqib Javed Rashid finishing unbeaten on 66. Sam Davies picked up 2-15 from eight overs, and Jonny Davies 2-33, also from eight overs.

Iwan Roberts made 15 at the top of the order, the only player to get into double figures, but Oswestry's innings could muster just 49 with Adan Hussain taking 5-22 and fellow opening bowler Haider Pervaiz 4-19.

OSWESTRY III's home clash with Llanidloes in the Shropshire League division four was cancelled due to a waterlogged pitch.

Elsewhere, **KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY** overcame Lilleshall by six wickets in a weather affected encounter in division one of the Henshalls Shropshire League.

Batting first, Lilleshall posted 161-5 in 40 overs, but Knockin reached a revised target of 147 in 31.1 over following further rain.

In the same division, **MONTGOMERY** were washed out at Wroxeter Grove, picking up just five points to remain third bottom, and in basement danger with two games remaining.

The weather hit the fixture list throughout the whole league with a string of games called off without a ball bowled.

FRANKTON II did beat the elements, but went down by 47 runs at their Shelton counterparts in the 2nd XI League division two

Eugene McCarney's 65 helped Shelton to 137 all out in 37.4 overs, Will Jam,es taking 4-31, George Dickin 3-33 and Brad Stackhouse 2-15.

In reply, Frankton were sent back for just 90, opener Cian Jones tops coring on 28 while there were four wickets apiece for Alan Jackson and Gavin Price.

Ifton keep on moving in the right direction

A THIRD straight win took revitalised IFTON towards safety in the Salop Leisure Shropshire Premier Bowls League.

The St Martins side continued their excellent run with a 9-5 (228-205) home success over St Georges to ensure they remained third bottom, five points above basement rivals Bylet.

It followed a 10-4 (225-205) home success over Burway and terrific 9-5 (224-204) victory away to Hanwood.

Nicky Jones (21-6) led the way for Ifton with his side's best result against St Georges, his 15th win of the campaign, while Curtis Metcalfe weighed in with a 21-10 success.

Craig Griffiths won to 12, while there were further victories from Darren Lacey and Geraint Williams, who both won to 17. Lacey has also won 15 outings this term.

Richie Griffiths, a 21-18 victor, and Dave Bond, who edged out Peter Grimston 21-20, completed the winning line-up for the home side who end their season away to Wrockwardine Wood on Friday night.

Candlin leads way for promoted Llany

BOWLS by John Bridgwater

WHITTINGTON A finished a fluctuating season in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division one on a high note with a 7-3 home success against Johnstown B.

Victory, by 23 shots (154-131) ensured the villagers occupied sixth in the table, with Ben Hampson ending with a 21-16 success to take his tally of wins to 16 from 20 outings.

Best of the night was Andy Cawthray who took his match 21-9, while Mel Morris and Julian Turner won to 11 and 12 respectively, with the latter finishing the season with 14 wins.

While Hampson claimed seventh place in the division one averages, James Candlin finished two places above after also bagging 16 victories from 20 appearances for **LLANYMYNECH A** on their return to the top flight.

Candlin again led the way for Llany on the last night with a 21-9 verdict, but his side were well beaten 8-2 (151-100) away to Ruabon A to finish fifth in the table - one place above Whittington, and one place below their hosts.

Paul Smith (21-16) was the other winner for Llany who have enjoyed a creditable campaign.

Mid-table **CRIFTINS A** brought the curtain down on their season by defeating Johnstown A 6-4 (147-118) at home in a rearranged game, with Luke Dulson claiming a whitewash and Alan Williams winning to four for the Dudleston Heath side.

Champions Glyn Ceiriog A suffered an 8-2 (162-94) hammering in their final outing at Llangollen A who sealed runners-up spot courtesy of their last night victory.

Chirk A, who won 6-4 (145-128) away at Johnstown A, finished in third spot while Flexsys A and Johnstown B were both relegated after occupying the both two places.

■ In a thrilling conclusion to the Oswestry and District Bowling League division three, **BLACK LION** narrowly missed out on promotion after slumping 8-2 (141-124) away to Church C.

Needing a win to give themselves a chance of a top-two finish, the Lion were downed as Merv Weaver (21-10) led the way for Church to avoided the drop courtesy of the win.

The in-form Mike Jones provided some consolation with a dominant 21-3 success for the visitors that saw him finish second in divisional averages with 17 victories from 20 outings.

Back-to-back wins saw **IFTON** clinch promotion from division four, six points above Llanymynech B who lost their last game 7-3 (149-140) at Whittington E.

First win for Ifton was a 10-0 trouncing of Llanrhaeadr D (168-85), Gareth Williams and Aeron Roberts both winning to four, which was followed by an 8-2 (155-122) verdict at Cynwyd B,

Townend wins Burghley title

OLIVER Townend claimed the second Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials title of his eventing career as British riders dominated a thrilling final day's action in Lincolnshire.

The Ellesmere-based Yorkshireman became a first British winner at Burghley since William Fox-Pitt six years ago as he guided 10-year-old Ballaghmor Class to victory and a £90,000 top prize.

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Llan handed tough Welsh Cup opener

THERE'S a tricky tie awaiting Llanrhaeadr in the first round of the JD Welsh Cup after being drawn at home to FC Queens Park.

Llan have pulled off some notable results in the competition in recent seasons, and will now be targeting their Wrexham visitors from the Cymru Alliance. Guilsfield also have home advantage when they renew acquaintance with Mold Alex, while Berriew visit local rivals Abermule.

Llanfair United face a tough task at Flint Town United, a side they famously defeated last season on their way to reaching the quarter-finals for the first time. Chirk AAA, holders of the FAW Trophy, are on the road to Brickfield Rangers, while Carno entertain Gresford Athletic. Ties to be played on Saturday, October 7.

First round draw (selected ties): Buckley Town v Llanidloes Town, Carno v Gresford Athletic, Garden Village v Penrhyncoch, Aberaeron v Llanelli, Llanrhaeadr v FC Queens Park, Flint Town Utd v Llanfair United, Guilsfield v Mold Alex, Abermule v Berriew, Airbus UK v Bow Street, Brickfield Rangers v Chirk AAA, Prestatyn Sports v Caersws, Cwmamman United v Rhayader Town. Ties to be played on October 7.

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Holders Berriew will start their defence of the Spar Mid Wales League Cup with a first round tie at home to Dyffryn Banw.

The Rhiewsiders defeated Llanrhaeadr 1-0 in the final last season, and will be hopeful of making progress at the expense of their second division visitors.

Revitalised Welshpool welcome Machynlleth, while Llansantffraid Village host Churchstoke and Montgomery entertain Carno.

First round ties – Friday, October 13: Hay St Mary's v Brecon Northcote, Llansantffraid Village v Churchstoke, Presteigne v Knighton, Welshpool v Machynlleth.

Saturday, October 14: Abermule v Kerry, Aberystwyth Uni v Aberaeron, Berriew v Dyffryn Banw, Borth Utd v Tywyn Bryncrug, Builth Wells v Llandrindod Wells, Newbridge v Llanidloes, Radnor Valley v Talgarth, Penybont v Bow Street, Montgomery v Carno.

COBRA can Bridge gap in away tester

COBRA will hope to maintain their winning start when they head to Menai Bridge in the first round of WRU Bowl on Saturday.

The Meifod men made an early statement with a 59-7 beating of local rivals Welshpool in the Welsh National League division two (north) last weekend. Will Worthington crossed twice and also landed seven conversions, while hooker Steve Isaac got a brace of touchdowns.

Welshpool, who have suffered a couple of hefty defeats this term, also take a break from the league when they host Powys rivals Llanidloes in the WRU Bowl on Saturday. The Maesydre side have a number of players still missing, but will look for the intensity that saw them defeat Llani last term.

OSWESTRY, who suffered their first loss in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two when edged out 22-16 at home to Stockport side Heaton Moor, bid to bounce back away to Didsbury Toc H in Manchester on Saturday.

TNS head to Cardiff for Friday clash

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints will look to hit the heights in the JD Welsh Premier when they chase a fourth consecutive league win in Friday night's trip to Cardiff Met University (7.45).

With Connah's Quay Nomads facing a tricky trip to Bangor City, and leaders Llandudno not playing until the following day, the Saints have a chance to take over at the top should they prevail against the students.

After their first day loss to Bangor City, the defending champions have bounced back with three victories in the league, the latest being last week's 4-0 hammering of Cefn Druids.

In all, they have won four on the trot including the IRN-BRU penalty shootout success against Livingston, and boss Scott Ruscoe is looking for more of the same in Friday's tricky trip to the Cyncoed Stadium.

After his side's 4-0 win over the Druids on the Friday, the Saints chief took the chance to run the rule over the students who defeated Aberystwyth Town 2-0 the following day.

"They are a good, young and fit side who pass the ball well, although it was difficult to tell just how got they were as Aber had a player sent off early on," said Ruscoe. We're expecting a difficult game as they have a tight pitch, their fans get behind them and they don't concede too many goals.

"It's important we keep building momentum."

Midfielder Aeron Edwards and forward Wes Fletcher, who were both rested for the Druids encounter, are back in contention, but Chris Martiott and Steven Saunders remain on the sidelines.

TNS' home tie with Elgin City in the third round of the IRN-BRU Cup will be shown live on S4C on Saturday, October 7 (4.30pm).

For the second year running, The New Saints will receive 800,000 euros (£726,000) euros for their participation in the Champions League.

TNS Ladies continued their fine start to the season in the FA Women's Premier League Midlands division one with a 3-1 victory away to Rotherham Ladies. Goals from Emily Ridge, Chloe Wilkinson and Charlotte Canlett put the Saints top the table with three wins out of three.

LET'S WIN THE TITLE FOR MIKE

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

LET'S win it for Mike – that's the call from Oswestry's cricketers who are looking to seal the Birmingham League division two crown in Saturday's home clash with Wombourne.

Having already clinched promotion on a day of high emotion, the Morda Road now want to go one better this weekend in memory of popular chairman Mike Robinson.

The club stalwart died just 24 hours before Oswestry completed an 80-run victory over Fordhouses on a poignant day for the club.

Having secured a return to division one after an absence of two years, the team's sights are now on sealing the title as a tribute to Robinson when they take on Wombourne in their last game of the season.

The game will be marked by a minute's silence with the players wearing black armbands as the club pays tribute to its late chairman

"The boys will be going all out to win the final game of the season and clinch the title for Mike," said skipper Robbie Clarke. "He has done so much and for so many of us at this club, we owe it to him."

Last week's victory means Oswestry are guaranteed a top two finish after Pershore's clash against Sutton Coldfield was abandoned due to the rain. Halesowen, who trail Oswestry by seven points, managed to beat the weather and secure a win over Penkridge to keep alive their hopes of landing the title.

Clarke's side, however, will be in no mood to slip up in their last day game against lowly Wombourne after winning last Saturday's all important promotion battle at Fordhouses to regain their place in division one.

Just a day after the death of their chairman Mike Robinson, the Morda Road men showed tremendous character to beat the Wolverhampton side by 80 runs in a magnificent all-round display.

CAE Glas players held a minute's silence for their former skipper and Oswestry stalwart Mike Robinson (below) before Saturday's Shropshire League game at Gatacre

After losing three consecutive games, their position at the top of the table - which they held for so long this season - was under serious threat with their promotional rivals closing in.

Despite losing the toss and put into bat in difficult conditions, with constant weather interruptions, the Oswestry batsmen showed great application as they battled to a score of a 139-5 in their rain-reduced innings of 41 overs.

There were important contributions from Warrick Fynn (26) skipper Robbie Clarke (26) and Mark Robinson (16), but stand-out batsman was county player, Joe Carrasco who played a fine undefeated innings of 59.

Set a target of a 170 to win off 41 overs, under the Duckworth Lewis rules, the home side were in immediate trouble as Pakistan pace ace Sadaf Hussain - who received a nasty blow to the head while batting - quickly removed both openers to finish with 2-18.

Warrick Fynn (5-10) and his left arm spin twin, Mark Robinson (3-12), then tore through the Fordhouses batting as the home side were skittled for 59 in just 22.4 overs.

Oswestry go into their last game without leading wicket taker Sadaf Hussain who has played a major part in their success this season. The paceman has now returned to Pakistan to prepare for the first class season.

Guils look to hit back after defeat

GUILSFIELD will look to shake off a first defeat of the season in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance as they gear up for another testing encounter at home to Holyhead Hotspur on Saturday (2.30).

After their 3-0 loss to new leaders Airbus UK, boss Nathan Leonard will want his side to quickly bounce back against this weekend's visitors from Anglesey who lie one place below in fifth spot.

Despite the result against the Wingmakers, Guils had their chances, but were downed by a brace from Dutch striker Alfons Fosu-Mensah and a header from John Davies

"It was disappointing as I don't think 3-0 was a fair reflection of the game," said manager Nathan Leonard.

"I don't want to take anything away from Airbus as we knew just how dangerous their attacking midfielders and forwards would be, and they showed their quality in the final third.

"But we had the two best chances of the whole game, and had those gone in it may have been different. It was disappointing, but we've now got to dust ourselves down and move forward."

Defender Robbie James is still out with a hamstring strain, but Adam Jenkins is back in contention.

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FC Oswestry Town face a crunch clash with basement rivals St Helens Town at Park Hall on Saturday (3pm) as both sides chase their first points in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one.

Town prop up the table on goal difference after losing their first seven league outings and know that nothing less than a victory will suffice this weekend.

The losing run continued with a 5-0 exit at Wolverhampton Community in the first round of the Buildbase FA Vase last weekend.

After their 3-1 defeat to Ashby Ivanhoe in the same competition, St Martins travel to Willenhall Town in West Midlands League division one.

Llanfair boss says league will be tight

LLANFAIR United boss Rhys Stephens expects plenty of jostling for the leading positions in the Spar Mid Wales League division one in the coming weeks.

With several clubs involved in Welsh Cup action last weekend, his side took advantage to move third with a 4-1 home victory over Machynlleth, Ben Jones scoring twice.

"Two wins and you're third, and two defeats you're eighth, it's that close," he said. "There's a lot of good teams and everyone's going to beat each other."

Llanfair, who are two points off top spot, will want to keep up the pressure when they host Tywyn Bryncrug on Saturday.

WELSHPOOL, in second, bid to shake off their Welsh Cup exit in Friday night's home meeting with Kerry who have impressed since stepping up to the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

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